

Volunteer Role Description: Pickle Allotment Team Member

The Project: Leatherhead Start, an organisation offering support and accommodation to homeless people, has embarked on an exciting new venture and we need volunteers with a variety of skills to help make it happen. We have launched a brand of pickles and chutneys – called ‘Out Of A Pickle’ – in order to create a sustainable business that provides people the opportunity to develop confidence and skills that will help them get back into work. We are currently trialling new recipes to add to our four current products which are: Red Onion Marmalade, Mango Chutney, Chunky Piccalilli and Courgette and Fennel Pickle.

The Role: As a **Pickle Allotment Team Member**, you will be working as part of a team to grow the produce for our delicious products as mentioned above. This is a fantastic opportunity to get a bit of exercise, breathe in the fresh air and contribute to a very worthwhile project. It’s also a great chance to learn some new skills. Having a team of volunteers to help out on the allotment is essential – especially in the summer months when frequent watering is needed and weeds grow in abundance!

Specific tasks:

- » Watering
- » Weeding
- » Planting
- » Harvesting
- » Spreading wood chip on the paths when needed

Skills and experience required:

- » Ability and willingness to work as a team
- » Committed and reliable
- » Being able to use your own initiative but be able to ask for help when you need
- » Knowledge of gardening/horticultural skills helpful but not necessary

Supported by: Kat Moore, LHS Learning Development Worker

Location: Barnett Wood Lane Allotment Site in Leatherhead

Time Commitment: Ideally 6 months (April-October 2016) 2 hours either every week or once or twice a month. We have a weekly session on the allotment on a Tuesday afternoon or a Thursday morning depending on the weather.

Application Process: Application form & Informal Interview required

NB: This opportunity is for those who are physically able to do digging and some occasional heavy lifting.