



## **Volunteer Gardener**

Sight Service is one of the premier support agencies for people with visual impairments in the Gateshead and South Tyneside areas.

We provide information, training and support for people of all ages, their carers, families, employers and providers of public services.

Sight Service can offer reading aids and life skills training as well as assessments at home.

### **The Role**

A Volunteer Gardener is required on an occasional basis to maintain a small garden used by our service users and visitors.

The garden consists of a small lawn area with planted raised beds, fruit trees, shrubs and paving.

### **Skills needed for this role**

- Friendly
- Approachable
- Basic understanding of horticulture
- Ability to work independently

### **Why volunteer with us?**

- Gain experience of working with a high profile voluntary sector service provider
- Experience to add to CV
- A chance to give something back and make a difference

## **What support will be given?**

- Training that includes induction and an introduction to Visual Impairment Awareness, Health and Safety.
- Each volunteer receives a Volunteer handbook and support from a dedicated member of staff and the Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Expense paid (inline with company policy)

## **What do Sight Service require?**

Initial Volunteer interview

Completed Volunteer Application Form

References request

Criminal Record Check Information (DBS)

## **I am interested who do I contact?**

Kerry Pattison – Volunteer Coordinator

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