

**GOODWOOD**

**The Role**

The **Gardener** will be part of the **Gardens team** and will report to the **Head Gardener.**

**About us**

Goodwood is a quintessentially English estate, set in 12,000 acres of rolling West Sussex countryside. Rooted in our heritage, we deliver extraordinary and engaging experiences in modern and authentic ways. But what really sets us apart is our people. It is their passion, enthusiasm and belief in the many things we do that makes Goodwood the unique place it is.

**Passionate People**

It takes a certain sort of person to flourish in such a fast-paced, multi-dimensional environment like Goodwood.  We look for talented, self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals who will be able to share our passion for Goodwood to be **‘the home of exceptional experiences’**.

**Our Values**

**The Real Thing Derring-Do Obsession for Perfection Sheer Love of Life**

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| Always inspired by Goodwood’s heritage | Daring to surprise and delight | Striving to do things *even* better | Sharing our infectious enthusiasm |

**Purpose of the role**

To assist with the maintenance of all formal and informal gardens, grounds, Hound Lodge and parkland Hotel Grounds to the highest possible standard.

**Key responsibilities**

* Maintain the gardens to ensure that they are kept in accordance with the company’s guidelines the Head Gardeners instruction and standards. Tasks will include assisting in the production of vegetables, herbs and fruit and the planting and maintenance of flower borders;
* To undertake mowing, strimming, weeding, planting out, hedge cutting and trimming, turfing, pruning, watering and general parks maintenance;
* General support to the nursery in the production and maintenance of plants and shrubs;
* Assist with Event preparation – this includes a very wide range of duties spanning beyond

 horticultural tasks;

* Any other duties as may be reasonably requested by a manager the Head Gardener or supervisor.
* Weekend Duty on a rota (every 6 or so weeks)
* Events including weekends early morning work and sometimes long hours to support events

**Qualities you will possess**

* Passion for what you do
* Positive and friendly with a “can do attitude”
* Attention to detail
* Ability to prioritise, organise and multi-task
* Quick learner
* Take responsibility for yourself
* Confident to make decisions and to stand by them
* Strong customer service skills
* Excellent communicator
* A sense of fun!

**What do you need to be successful?**

* Proven relevant experience of managing gardens and growing vegetables, herbs and fruit, mowing, strimming, taking care of flower borders and general grounds keeping;
* Basic gardening and ground keeping skills;
* Competent in plant identification, with an interest in developing;
* Good plant, vegetable and herb knowledge;
* The following are desirable but not essential - PA1 and PA6 spray certificates, experience of hedge cutting, working in a nursery, ride-on mowers or tractor driving.