

## **Seasonal Gardener vacancy Winton Castle and Estate**

The main purpose of this seasonal role is to support the gardening team in maintaining the gardens and grounds. The successful candidate must have practical horticultural experience and a keen interest in caring for plants. Proficiency in using machinery and hand power tools is desirable, as well as a sound knowledge of plants and plant identification. Additionally, communication skills and a health and safety awareness are required for the role.

Winton Castle is an established, award-winning venue for hospitality as well as a family home so there is aspiration and support for the gardens and grounds to play a significant and memorable part in the offering to visitors. There are 16 acres around Winton Castle with rich variety and plenty going on.

### **The setting**

- “Intimacy on a grand scale” works as a strapline for the castle; it should also reflect the gardens. There is scale, which allows for a surprising range of growing conditions and a unique micro-climate. Garden walls and tree planting contribute to the gardens being able to accommodate tender perennials, climbers & wall shrubs.
- Beautiful, historic landscape with woodland gardens, a loch, a wild garden and flower meadow; south facing terraces with a rose garden, dahlia borders and mixed herbaceous and shrub borders.
- Walled garden (2.5 acres) with extensive mixed borders and wisteria pergola, linked closely with the adjoining Potting Shed venue such that it is well used and much admired.
- Gardens for three farmhouse-style self-catering properties.

### **Facilities**

- Large polytunnel & glasshouse for growing and propagation.
- Comprehensive and well-equipped set of machinery and small tools.

### **Duties**

- To support the garden team with tasks including: weeding, watering, lawn mowing, strimming, transplanting, pruning, deadheading, hedge cutting.
- Ensure gardens, glasshouse and grounds are presentable.
- Machinery safety checks before and after use and other duties in accordance with health and safety policies.

### **Skills and experience**

- Enthusiasm and willingness to get on with the job in all weathers.
- Practical gardening experience.
- Experience in a similar outdoor, physical role.
- Attention to detail and an ability to make full use of tools and machinery.
- Working as part of a team and taking instructions.
- Initiative to plan and prioritise tasks.
- Health & Safety awareness.

### **Certification**

- RHS Level 2 or equivalent would be helpful but not essential.
- Driving license valid for driving within the UK is desirable but not essential.

### **Liaison**

The successful applicant will report to the Head Gardener.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Contract duration: approx., starting as soon as possible to end of August/early September 2024.

Hours: 16 hours or 2 days per week, 8am to 4.30pm working day.

Holidays: will be calculated pro rata based on 28 days for a full year.

Pay: hourly rate from £11.44

### **To Apply**

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