

# HOSPITALFIELD

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Post:** Gardener & Groundskeeper

**Contract:** fixed term (12 months, with potential for extension)

**Hours:** Part time – 12 hours per week

**Hourly rate:** £10 - £12 (subject to experience)

**Reporting to:** General Manager

Deadline for applications: **5pm, Monday 20 March 2017**

**Interview Date:** **Monday 27 March 2017 at Hospitalfield**

**Application:** Please apply using the [application form at this link](#), including a CV and Cover Letter

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**Hospitalfield requires a dedicated and versatile individual who will take pride in the look of the grounds and ensure consistent far sighted management.**

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## About Hospitalfield

Hospitalfield is a grand 19<sup>th</sup> century country house in Arbroath, Angus. The Hospitalfield estate was left in trust in 1890 to support the arts. The organisation is constituted as a charity. The grounds in which the house is situated include walled gardens, wooded areas and driveways and are full of potential. Just at the entrance to the drive is the HOPE Garden. This is a project cultivated on land that we own but is a separate initiative.

During the last four years, Hospitalfield has been working hard to make the garden more accessible and interesting. We open the gardens regularly to the visiting public as part of Open Weekends and special events.

We also plan to host a new café at the greenhouse later this year, enabling more visitors to enjoy the gardens. As well as receiving visitors during these times, we make the house available for independent teaching and learning groups throughout the year and the gardens, particularly in the summer, become a vital addition to the place and the way in which it is used and enjoyed.

The Garden Club is an enthusiastic team of volunteers who regularly support to the development and upkeep of gardens, and they continue to make an invaluable contribution. We have employed a Gardener & Groundskeeper during the last two years to ensure that the garden maintenance is well planned and coordinated and this has been a great success. The current postholder is standing down and we wish to reappoint this position.

It is a very exciting time to be joining the small and highly motivated team at Hospitalfield as we plan for many ambitious developments for the future of the organisation and the garden.

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### **Responsibilities**

- Managing and implementing a scheduled programme of grounds management and maintenance to ensure that the grounds look at their best for all users of the house and visitors.
- Planning for tree clearance and pruning
- Getting involved with plans for planting
- Coordinating grass cutting which is currently arranged as a separate contract
- Working in accordance with an ethos and principles that show respect for the environment
- Working in the grounds with consideration to a range of other users, including volunteers, residents, visitors, and organised groups
- Carrying out groundworks including drainage, concrete, slabs, kerbs etc. to a high standard

**Experience essential**

- Physically fit & enjoys working out of doors
- Genuine interest in and experience of horticulture and land management. This might be a formal qualification of training in a work setting.
- Knowledge of horticulture and planting schedules for trees, vegetables and flowers

**Experience preferred**

- Good knowledge of operation and maintenance of garden machinery
- Drivers licence

**Personal**

- Reliable & Enthusiastic
- Flexible approach to tasks