

## **Volunteer Role Description**

### **Garden Guide**

National Trust parks and gardens are managed according to a long-term plan for their conservation, taking into account all their history, influences, qualities and contents, together with constraints that affect them. Volunteer garden guides can play an important role in providing a welcome to visitors and helping to prevent damage to the gardens thereby enhancing the public's enjoyment of them.

Anticipated time contribution: To suit each individual volunteer, a regular commitment is

appreciated but is not essential.

**Expenses:** Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel costs between home and

volunteering location, and other reasonable expenses agreed with the

National Trust manager.

Location: Cragside Gardens

National Trust manager: Karen Tracey

**Purpose of role:** To provide a welcoming presence for visitors and to provide

them with information and a point of contact.

To assist the Gardeners, as requested, in the security and protection of Cragside Gardens and their contents by providing

a watchful presence at all times.

**Key elements:** 1. Monitoring all matters affecting the garden's contents, its use and

enjoyment by visitors and reporting back to the Head Gardener as

appropriate.

2. Undertaking such other appropriate assistance, as may be

reasonably requested by the National Trust manager.

3. Working in compliance with the Trust's Health and Safety Policy

at all times.

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# **Gardener – Rock Garden/Pinetum/Valley Garden**

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**Anticipated time contribution:** To suit each individual volunteer. A regular commitment is

appreciated but is not essential.

**Expenses:** Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel costs to

volunteering location, and other reasonable expenses agreed with the National Trust

supervisor.

**Location:** Cragside Gardens

Rock Garden, Pinetum and Valley Garden

**Type of work:** Weeding, mulching and meadow work.

Heavy manual work, physically strenuous, difficult terrain with

many steps.

National Trust supervisor: Karen Tracey

**Purpose of role:** To assist the gardeners, as requested, in caring for the garden

in accordance with the long-term plan for its conservation and

visitor access.

**Key elements:** 1. Helping with the development and renewal of the garden through:

clearing areas of rough scrub including Salmonberry,
Bramble, Gaultheria and other woody weeds.

- maintenance of grasslands/wildflower meadows.
- digging out tree and shrub stumps.
- pruning established shrub areas.
- 2. Assisting in the general upkeep of the garden through:
  - caring for trees, shrubs and plants
  - maintaining paths, steps and their edges including drainage work and resurfacing.
  - the upkeep of meadows and other grass areas, including the hand removal of aggressive weed species and hayraking.
- 3. Assisting in the provision of information to visitors and the prevention of damage.
- 4. Undertaking such other appropriate gardening assistance, as may be reasonably requested by the National Trust supervisor.

5. Working in compliance with the Trust's *Health and Safety Policy* at all times.

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#### Gardener

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National Trust manager.

Location:

National Trust supervisor: Karen Tracey

**Purpose of role:**To assist the gardeners, as requested, in managing the garden

in accordance with the long-term plan for its conservation.

**Key elements:** 1 Helping in the continuing development and renewal of the

garden/park through:

- planting trees and shrubs

- establishing borders and other garden features
- clearing, pruning and renovating overgrown areas.
- 3. Assisting in the general upkeep of the garden/park through:
  - tidying-up, dead-heading, weeding, manuring and border upkeep
  - caring for trees, shrubs and plants
  - propagating and nursery work
  - the upkeep of lawns and other grass areas; grass cutting
  - maintaining garden machinery and equipment.
- 3. Assisting in the provision of information to visitors and the prevention of damage and pilfering.
- 4. Undertaking such other appropriate gardening assistance, as may be reasonably requested by the National Trust manager.
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