



Outdoor Volunteer **Formal Garden**

Project Lead: Nicola

Time: Tuesday morning from 09:00 onwards

- Wear suitable clothing for gardening - you may well get dirty!
- Wear closed-toe footwear - gardening shoes/boots if possible.
- Will need your own gardening gloves.
- Tools are available to borrow or you can bring your own.

Purpose:

- To ensure the 'formal garden' (fenced garden near the barn) is looking at its best for those visiting Bradlaugh fields and in line with Green Flag status.
- To create a beautiful example of a garden using British native plants as much as possible.
- To help volunteers to develop/improve their interpersonal skills, with other volunteers and members of the public.
- To build relationships with other volunteers, visitors, and wider community.
- To develop team work and team building.
- To support both physical and mental well being.
- To enhance community cohesion between volunteers and between the entire Bradlaugh fields volunteer/cohort and the wider community.
- To allow volunteers to get closer to nature and the natural environment.
- To enhance biodiversity at Bradlaugh fields.
- To develop gardening skills and knowledge.
- To upcycle unwanted objects to make items suitable for a wildlife garden, e.g. bowl/bin lid for wildlife pond.

Typical Activities

Weeding: - Removing any plants identified as weeds from amongst other plants in the garden.
- Also from the edges of the planting beds and the edge of the garden.

- Pruning:** - Removing any plants that require it, as instructed by the project lead/lead volunteer.
- Planting:** - Adding any new/divided plants to planting areas as required.
- Dividing:** - Splitting large clumps of plants
- Replant elsewhere (garden, wider area) as agreed with project lead/park ranger.
- Cutting:** - Taking cuttings from plants, as instructed by the project lead/lead volunteer.
- Tidying:** - Ensuring the garden is kept as tidy as possible, both of litter and garden waste.
- Mulching:** - Using leaves/wood chippings/compost to reduce weed growth and support the soil.
- Digging:** - Digging up unwanted plants to remove from the garden.
- Digging up plants for relocation (see Dividing).
- Turning the soil to improve aeration/structure/nutrition.
- Watering:** - As required either using water cans or hose pipes.