

Amisfield Walled Garden Project Volunteer Co-ordinator

Background Information

The Amisfield Preservation Trust is a charity which has been set up to restore the historically important 8 acre walled garden at Amisfield Park, Haddington, East Lothian. Since 2007, our gardening group (all volunteers and amateur gardeners) has returned the walled garden from a severely neglected state back into a working productive garden. We have a long term lease of the garden from East Lothian Council and have ambitious plans to create a financially self-sustaining community resource where people can learn new horticultural skills within a beautiful historic setting. As our project has developed, we have welcomed all sections of the local community to work within our volunteer team, and we believe that the project demonstrates the therapeutic benefits to mental and physical health from hands on gardening and from working as a team to achieve a common goal.

The volunteer coordinator post is for an initial one year period. The position has been funded jointly by the National Lottery Fund and East Lothian Council for the past 4 years and funding is confirmed for the coming year. We anticipate that we will be able to secure funding beyond this, given our record of successful grant applications. The post will be subject to a 3 month probationary period.

We are looking for a practical, motivated person to manage and supervise our volunteer gardening team, to promote the project in the local community, to provide training and to work with the Trust's board of directors to plan and develop the project.

Further information on the project is on our website: www.amisfield.org.uk

Application Process and Timetable

Candidates are welcome to visit the walled garden prior to interview during our normal opening hours from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, or from 10am to 1pm on a Saturday.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss the post, please call Kate Rycroft, Chair of the Amisfield Preservation Trust, on 07870 213731 or enquiries@amisfield.org.uk.

To apply for the post of Volunteer Coordinator, please complete the application form and email it to: enquiries@amisfield.org.uk or post it to : Amisfield Preservation Trust, Lady's Field, Whitekirk, Dunbar, East Lothian EH42 1XS

The closing date for applications is 6.00pm on Friday 22nd July 2022