

Practical support - Gardening

Requirements of role

- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Willingness to work outdoors
- Willingness to work in all weathers
- Reasonable level of fitness
- Environmental consideration
- Gardening interest
- Maintaining good reputation of Eskdale Mill

Tasks to be undertaken

- Gardening tasks, such as planting, sowing, pruning, feeding crops, watering, composting, harvesting
- Grass cutting
- Clearance of vegetation
- Garden furniture maintenance
- Path maintenance
- Maintaining flower beds
- Caring for kitchen garden
- Setting up hose system
- Lawn maintenance
- Picking fruit and vegetables for reception sales
- Maintaining compost areas
- Some general maintenance of garden infrastructure
- Any related jobs arising

Training – in-house & formal

- Organic/wildlife friendly gardening techniques
- Plant identification skills
- General maintenance
- Lifting and handling
- Tools maintenance and storage
- Health and safety
- Safe use of required tools, including petrol strimmer & mower
- Using walkie-talkies
- Reporting procedures
- Emergency 1st Aid
- Fire Marshall
- Upholding EMHT health & safety and safeguarding policies
- Upholding volunteer agreement

Reports to

- Mill Manager

Time commitment

1 day or more, per week

Practical support - Buildings maintenance

Requirements of role

- Willingness to learn new skills
- DIY and practical skills
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Willingness to work outdoors
- Reasonable level of fitness
- Competence in handling tools safely
- Ability to observe good health and safety practice
- Ability to climb a ladder safely
- Ability to lift moderate weights
- Pro-active environmental consideration and care for heritage value
- Maintaining good reputation of Eskdale Mill

Tasks to be undertaken

- Repair of minor faults
- Reporting of major faults
- Building maintenance, such as lime mortaring, floor, window & door repairs, re-pointing, joinery, stonework, exhibition, display repairs, new installations and practical DIY.
- Visual site safety checks
- Fire safety and emergency lighting checks
- Other relevant jobs, as they arise

Training – in-house & formal

- Conservation techniques of historic buildings, advised by SPAB and Historic England
- Lifting and handling
- Safe use of hand & power tools/machinery such as circular saw and drill
- Tools maintenance and storage
- Use of walkie-talkies
- Health and safety
- Fault reporting procedure
- Fire Marshall
- Emergency 1st Aid
- Upholding EMHT safeguarding and health & safety policies
- Upholding the volunteer agreement

Reports to

- Mill Manager

Time commitment

1 day per fortnight



Practical support - Grounds maintenance

Requirements of role

- Willingness to learn new skills
- DIY and practical skills
- Competence in handling tools safely
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Reasonable level of fitness
- Willingness to work outdoors
- Willingness to work in all weathers
- Ability to observe good health and safety practice
- Ability to lift moderate weights
- Use of range of landscaping power tools, if appropriate
- Pro-active environmental consideration
- Maintaining good reputation of Eskdale Mill.

Tasks to be undertaken

- Strimming/mowing footpaths
- Strimming/mowing meadow, lawn and path edges
- Maintenance & repair of paths
- Maintenance & planting of trees & plants
- Maintenance of boundary ditch
- Dry stone walling, fencing, stock-proofing and boundary maintenance
- Bramble and bracken control
- Pond maintenance
- Raking off cut vegetation debris
- Installation of access points and visitor infrastructure, such as paths, gates, steps, handrails, foot-bridges - with adequate support
- Repair of minor faults/tool maintenance
- Reporting of major faults
- Other relevant jobs as they arise

Training – in-house & formal

- Safe operation of petrol trimmers/brushcutters – LANTRA/NPTC award Level 2
- Lifting and handling
- Looking after workshop tools
- Health and safety
- Using walkie-talkies
- Fault reporting procedure
- Safe use of power tools/machinery, such as mower, leaf blower, jet-washer and drill
- Emergency 1st Aid
- Fire Marshall
- Countryside management skills
- Upholding safeguarding and health& safety policies
- Upholding volunteer agreement

Reports to

- Mill Manager

Time commitment

1 day per week, or more



Practical support – Mill Machinery maintenance and operation

Requirements of role

- Willingness to learn new skills
- DIY and practical skills
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Willingness to work outdoors
- Willingness to work in all weathers
- Reasonable level of fitness
- Competence in handling tools safely
- Ability to maintain good health and safety practice
- Ability to climb a ladder safely
- Ability to lift moderate weights
- Maintaining good reputation of Eskdale Mill
- Care for heritage value
- Environmental impact consideration

Tasks to be undertaken

- Operating sluice gates, waterwheels & mill machinery
- Cleaning and maintenance of waterwheels & mill machinery
- Monitoring of waterwheels & mill machinery
- Identify and record machinery faults
- Repair of minor faults
- Reporting of major faults
- Occasional machinery demonstrations
- Use of power tools
- Other relevant jobs, as they arise

Training – in-house & formal

- Safe operation of sluices, waterwheels and mill machinery
- Lifting and handling
- Safe use of power tools/machinery, such as angle grinder and drill
- Tools maintenance and storage
- Health and safety
- Using walkie-talkies
- Emergency 1st Aid
- Fire Marshall
- Fault reporting procedure
- Upholding health & safety and safeguarding policies
- Upholding volunteer agreement

Reports to

Mill Manager

Time commitment

1 day per week, or more



Practical support - Artefacts maintenance & collections conservation

Requirement of role

- Willingness to learn new skills
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Being a team worker
- Working with a range of cleaning & preservation materials
- Some practical know-how
- Maintaining good reputation of Eskdale Mill
- Appreciation of historical collections and heritage value

Tasks to be undertaken

- Checks of displays
- Installation of new displays
- Artefacts & collections care, cleaning and maintenance
- Careful storage of collections
- Careful display of collections
- Fire safety and emergency lighting checks
- Other relevant jobs, as they arise.

Training – in-house & formal

- Techniques for preservation of historical artefacts, as advised by Lancashire Museums Conservation Team
- Record-keeping systems for artefacts catalogue
- Health and safety
- Using walkie-talkies
- Fire Marshall
- Emergency 1st aid
- Reporting procedure for any issues arising
- Adherence to EMHT collections and health & safety policies
- Upholding the volunteer agreement

Reports to

- Mill Manager

Time commitment

1 day per month, or more

