

## Will you help us restore The Gardens?

Birmingham Botanical Gardens have unveiled ambitious plans for the largest re-development programme in their history.

The £13m 'Growing our Green Heritage Project' will transform the 191-year-old charity, restoring its four historic, listed glasshouses, providing additional visitor and community resources and creating a place of horticultural excellence and outstanding green space.

Last year the Botanical Gardens were awarded £590,814 development funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop the first phase of the project, with a further £4.4m available as the programme progresses.

"Birmingham Botanical Gardens have been providing a haven of natural peace and tranquility for more than 190 years," said Chief Executive Sara Blair-Manning.

"We are now at a crucial moment in the Gardens' history; the glasshouses are in urgent need of upgrading and without significant investment the viability of these unique Botanical Gardens will become increasingly difficult. This hugely exciting project will breathe new life into the site, promoting the value of nature and green spaces to all and demonstrating how botanical gardens can help in conserving plant biodiversity and increasing public understanding of environmental and sustainability issues.

Our vision is for Birmingham Botanical Gardens to remain as the green heart of the city for the next 200 years as a space that welcomes everyone, and we need everyone to play their part in helping to save this precious place" she added.

The best way to help the gardens progress these exciting plans is to become an active supporter by taking out a membership (either for yourselves or as a gift for someone) or becoming a volunteer.

**Membership prices usually start at £30 for over 65's** (Admission for the cardholder and one guest, that's an amazing 0.08p per day) **to £70 for a Family** (Admission for two adults and up to three children ages 5 to 16 – only 14p per day), **but as a local neighbour to The Gardens we are offering a 20% discount until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If you are interested in taking up this offer, then please visit the Gardens quoting the code LOCAL20 and one of our Welcome Team will be pleased to assist you.**

For further Garden membership details please use the following link.

<https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/become-a-member-today>

**As a member you can enjoy the following throughout the year:**

- **Free unlimited entry** into the Gardens throughout the year (except events requiring tickets)
- **Free parking** subject to car registration at reception on arrival
- **Plus free and special offer entry\* to many other celebrated Gardens** across the UK including Kew, Westonbirt Arboretum & The Living Rainforest
- **Special discounts & offers** in the Gift & Plant shop
- Enjoy **entertaining events** for all the family plus **live music** in the Bandstand on most Sunday's and Bank Holiday's from April to August
- Interactive and fun **children's activities**
- Inspiring **plant shows & exhibitions**
- Seasonal and themed **guided walks**

If you would like to support The Gardens by volunteering then please complete the form via this link

<https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/volunteers> or print out the document below, complete and return it to [admin@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk](mailto:admin@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk), or leave you form with the Welcome Team and we will be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss our volunteering opportunities.

## Volunteer Application Form

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens is committed to the principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion and to volunteering opportunities being open and accessible for all.

Our dedicated volunteers, who act in partnership with the Management and Staff of The Gardens, are key to our success in continuing to make The Birmingham Botanical Gardens a successful and thriving asset for our local community and wider. We are committed to building a successful and fulfilling volunteer programme.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with The Gardens. Please complete this application form, indicating which area(s) of volunteering you are interested in and giving details of your skills, knowledge and experience relevant to that / those roles.

**Your details:**

Surname:	First name:	Title (if used):
		Preferred pronouns?
Address:	Daytime telephone number:	
	Mobile:	
	E mail:	

**Please indicate which of our volunteering opportunities is of interest to you.**

Gardening (outdoor) <input type="checkbox"/>	The BBG Shop <input type="checkbox"/>	Administration <input type="checkbox"/>
Gardening (indoor) <input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding Events <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>
Welcome Desk <input type="checkbox"/>	Tour Guide <input type="checkbox"/>	Meet and Greet <input type="checkbox"/>
Activities and Crafts <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Volunteering opportunities are non-contractual.** However, to assist us with planning please indicate which of the following days/times would prefer to volunteer.

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**Tell us why you are interested in volunteering. (Please tick any that apply)**

Belief in the work of BBG <input type="checkbox"/>	To use my skills <input type="checkbox"/>	To make a difference to the local community <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop my knowledge <input type="checkbox"/>	To feel useful <input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance the natural environment <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop my interests <input type="checkbox"/>	To help others <input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/>
To get work experience <input type="checkbox"/>	To get fit / take exercise <input type="checkbox"/>	
To help my CV <input type="checkbox"/>	To meet like-minded people <input type="checkbox"/>	

**DBS** Some of our volunteering opportunities involve contact with children / vulnerable adults and require a DBS check. Please give details of any previous DBS checks within the last six months.

If not, and if this is a requirement of the role, please tick that you are willing for The Gardens to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure on your behalf (at no cost to yourself).

**Qualifications / Experience** Please give details of your qualifications and / or current / past occupations and experience, highlighting any areas with similar organisations, or that are particularly relevant to the role description. (max 500 words)

**Reason for your application** Please tell us about your reason for applying to The Birmingham Botanical Gardens, highlighting the skills, knowledge and attributes that you can bring to The Gardens. Include any interests you have and knowledge of plants and horticulture. (max 500 words)

**References**

Please give the names, addresses, and contact numbers of two referees who can vouch for your ability and suitability regarding the volunteer role being applied for. (Referees can be a friend of the family, work colleague, teacher, voluntary manager etc. but **not** a relative).

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**Are you legally entitled to volunteer in the UK?** Yes  No

**Do you have any convictions which are unspent under The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974?** Yes  No

**Declaration**

The facts contained in this volunteer application form and any supporting information are, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please tell us if you have any special needs, or require any assistance or adaptations to enable your volunteering?

Please return this form to: Volunteering, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3TR, or email it to [volunteering@birminghambotanicalgardens.or.uk](mailto:volunteering@birminghambotanicalgardens.or.uk)