**IRC137937 - Kitchen Garden Supervisor**

Salary: £26,169 per annum

Contract type: Permanent f/t (37.5 hrs pw)

Closing date: 14 May 2023

Address: Knightshayes Court, Bolham, Tiverton, EX16 7RQ

Link to advert: <https://careers.nationaltrust.org.uk/OA_HTML/a/?_ga=2.156425529.363159759.1625047604-1639500493.1625047604#/vacancy-detail/137937>

**Summary**

Looking for the next step in your gardening career? We can offer you some of the most amazing outdoor spaces in the UK to work in, as well as one of the largest plant collections in Europe. Our visitors tell us how much they enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our well-kept outdoor spaces, which makes your role vital in making sure our visitors have an outstanding experience.

Internally you'll be known as Senior Gardener.

## What it's like to work here

Over the past four years, the visitor experience at this grand gothic revival house has been transformed by introducing a year-round programme of events, activities and entertainment. The ambitious 40-member team has further plans to grow and develop Knightshayes’ visitor offer and welcome creative customer-focused people to join the team. The property has one of the finest gardens in Devon with a vast plant collection and walled garden which supplies produce to the estate’s Stables Café.

For more information about our property please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knightshayes-court](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knightshayes-court)

## What you'll be doing

You’ll love working outdoors and understand that our gardens and grounds are as significant as our mansion houses, collections and our historical places. Our visitors tell us how much they enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our well-kept outdoor spaces, which makes your role vital in making sure our visitors have an amazing experience.

We don’t just need you to manage our beautiful gardens, although this is an important part of the role; we’d like you to help manage the team too. As the Senior Gardener in our team, we’d like you to lead by example, with exceptional gardening skills, but you’ll also understand how to manage the workload for this team, and deliver exceptional training to new staff and volunteers.

**Please click apply to read the full role profile and prospectus attached to the advert.**

## Who we're looking for

To be successful in this role you should be able to demonstrate the following:

* Significant practical experience in a wide range of horticulture supported by relevant qualifications
* A significant level of understanding of propagation, seed sowing, crop rotations and other plant management techniques needed in a productive garden setting
* Have supervisory experience from a similar role
* Excellent knowledge of plants in both productive and ornamental settings
* Competent with the use and maintenance of garden machinery including tractors, hedge trimmers, pedestrian and ride on mowers
* Knowledge of relevant health and safety legislation and practice
* Knowledge and understanding of Organic principles and practices

## The package

The National Trust has the motto ‘For everyone, for ever’ at its heart. We’re working hard to create an inclusive culture, where everyone feels they belong. It’s important that our people reflect and represent the diversity of the communities and audiences we serve. We welcome and value difference, so when we say we’re for everyone, we want everyone to be welcome in our teams too.

* Substantial pension scheme of up to 10% basic salary
* Free entry to National Trust places for you, a guest and your children (under 18)
* Tax free childcare scheme
* Rental deposit loan scheme
* Season ticket loan
* Perks at work discounts i.e. gym memberships, shopping discount codes, cinema discounts
* Holiday allowance up to 32 days relating to length of service, plus holiday purchase scheme, subject to meeting minimum criteria.
* Flexible working whenever possible
* Employee assistance programme
* Free parking at most locations
* Independent financial advice

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