



Heathpatch Ltd
Dairy Farm Office
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Job Title - Apprentice Gardener

Level 2 Horticulture or Landscape Operative - [Horticulture or landscape operative / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

OR

Depending on previous qualifications, Level 3 Landscape or Horticulture Supervisor - [Landscape or horticulture supervisor / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

Company Overview

The main office, Dairy Farm, is based on an arable farm and oversees properties, formal gardens, woodland and other businesses.

Role Overview

We are looking for a positive, pro-active, trustworthy team player to join our small but busy team of gardeners. The type of work is varied including maintenance of formal gardens, lawns, hedges, fruit and vegetable gardens, greenhouses, orchards, and ornamental beds. Applicants need to have their own transport to enable them to get to the place of work.

Job Description

This is a fixed term position from the commencement of the apprenticeship until completion of the apprenticeship qualification which is expected to be in the region of 24 months in total or longer if undertaking the Level 3 qualification.

The role is based on 39 hours a week, including six hours study time to complete the mandatory Off the Job Training study time to complete the Level 2 or Level 3 apprenticeship to become a Horticulture/Landscape operative.

Key Duties

- The type of work is varied and include the maintenance of formal gardens, lawns, hedges, fruit and vegetable gardens, greenhouses, orchards, and ornamental beds.
- In the winter the team take on firewood production and distribution for the farm.
- Candidates will also be required to assist with setting up of events held by the farm and businesses.
- Work will include other duties as they arise and as requested by the line manager.

Desired Skills

- Attention to detail
- Team work
- Strong communication skills and the ability to build excellent relationships with all customers, team members and management
- Tenacity and positivity with a strong drive to succeed

Desired Personal Qualities

A team player with a positive attitude who is trustworthy, methodical and dependable. A self-motivated individual looking to increase their knowledge base and engage with all areas of the farm and gardens.

Qualification's

- GCSE at Grade 4 or above in Maths and English

Entry onto the apprenticeship is subject to an initial assessment to establish course suitability. Ideally applicants should have at least 4 GCSEs including English and Maths at grades 9- 4.

Reward

- **Salary** Minimum of £4.81 per hour National Apprenticeship Minimum wage
- **Holiday** 22 days holiday per year plus Bank and Public Holidays

Benefits

- Company uniform – t-shirt
- Free tea and coffee
- PPE as needed for the role

To apply for this role, please register your interest by emailing your CV and accompanying letter to: apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk