



THE FRIENDS OF Rowntree Park

Volunteer Gardener Role Description

About the role	Our team of volunteer gardeners do a fabulous job of making sure that Rowntree Park looks its best. While the council cut the grass and clip the hedges, the Friends of Rowntree Park volunteers plant and maintain the long borders, the fenced gardens, the lodge garden and the labyrinth. It's a big job, so we're always looking for new people to get involved.
When do we need volunteers?	We have a regular gardening session on Tuesdays mornings (9.30 to 11.30) from February to November. During the summer, we also run Saturday morning and Wednesday evening volunteer gardening sessions.
Who are we looking for?	Anyone who is keen can be a volunteer gardener. Full training will be given, so you don't need any gardening experience. We have a small area for propagating plants, and this can be a good activity for anyone with restricted mobility who would like to get involved.
What is the commitment?	You can come to sessions as often as you like. There's no obligation to come every week.
What will I get from the role?	Our gardening sessions are friendly and sociable. If you're a novice gardener, you'll pick up lots of tips that you can use in your own garden. Volunteering outside is known to be particularly good for your wellbeing, both physical and mental, and you'll also get a free tea or coffee in the Reading Cafe at the end of each session!
What training do I need?	All volunteers need to attend a short induction session before they start their role. Once you have completed the session, you will be covered by City of York Council insurance while volunteering.
References and DBS	We do not ask for references or a DBS check for this role.
How do I sign up?	To get involved, please fill in our volunteer registration form . If you've got any questions, email volunteer@rowntreepark.org.uk .