

# Thurrock Council volunteer role description

## Community Growing Space Volunteer

<b>Supported by</b>	Thurrock Resident Engagement Team
<b>Role summary</b>	To support in maintaining a community garden and growing space alongside other local volunteers and staff.
<b>Location</b>	Chadwell Library Community Growing Space
<b>How to apply</b>	Complete the application form at <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering-vacancies">www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering-vacancies</a>

### Tasks and responsibilities

To volunteer as part of a group to plan, plant, and maintain a community food growing garden, this will include:

- seed sowing in a polytunnel or directly into beds
- weeding
- pruning
- watering
- growing structure to support climbing plants
- cloches and fleeces to protect against frost and extend the season
- harvesting
- composting
- soil improvement

The produce will be shared between the gardening group and can be used to contribute to the local community pantry.

### Skills and experience

Previous experience in gardening or growing would help but is not essential for this role. We are here to support those who would like to expand their knowledge and learn new skills.

### Time commitment

This is flexible but have to volunteer when the library is open. The library opens Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 5pm and also on a Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

### Support you will get

We are able to offer the following:

- Training – this is to develop your skills and knowledge
- Access to fresh vegetables – The produce grown is shared with the volunteers and community that use the space
- A support network – Staff and other volunteers are always there to support each other as part of a team

**This role does not require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.**