

National Waterways Museum GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

Old or young, 'green fingered' or gardening novice we need your help.

The gardening group work on:

- The 'allotment gardens' behind the period cottages. Planting, improving, maintaining, chatting to visitors about the vegetable and fruits and the self sufficient life style of the Porters Row tenants. It's fun to see the children's faces when they discover just how vegetables grow and peer into the 'Bug Hotel' or the compost heap.
- Planting and caring for the various beds and tubs in the grounds. Last October we planted 250 daffodil bulbs.
- Making the site more 'green' by enticing more birds, bees and 'creepy crawlies'. A bee hive is on our wish list, but first we have to grown sufficient flowers and shrubs to support the bees.

The large areas of mown grass are the responsibility of contract gardeners, leaving us to the fun of planting, sowing and maintaining the colourful spaces.

Some days we spend more time talking to visitors than gardening, which is why we need your help!

To find out more or to register interest call the Museum on 0151 355 5017 or email volunteers@boatmuseumsociety.org.uk

“ We are trying to make the gardens behind the cottages look like they are being looked after by someone in the 1950s. It’s amazing to see the look on a child’s face when you pull a carrot out of the ground and put it into a pot for cooking .”

Sue James, (gardening volunteer)

