

Purpose of the Role:

To support food growing and gardening activities across Sustainable Merton's community greenspaces, helping nurture people, nature, and the planet while promoting sustainable living and climate action.

Main Responsibilities:

- Assist with gardening/food growing tasks e.g. sowing seeds, planting out, watering, weeding, pruning and harvesting.
- Help maintain compost bins
- Support site maintenance and DIY tasks (e.g., raised beds, fencing) if interested.
- Care for fruit trees, bushes, and wildlife-friendly areas including woodchip mulching
- Promote Sustainable Merton's ethos of sustainability and climate action.
- Adhere to safeguarding and health & safety procedures.

Skills you need and what we are looking for:

- Enjoy being outdoors and close to nature. Interest in gardening, food growing, and sustainability.
- Willingness to learn and develop new skills (beginners welcome).
- Friendly, welcoming, and able to work as part of a team.

Commitment:

- Flexible - join regular weekly volunteer sessions or monthly action days.
- We ask for a minimum commitment of one session per month.

Current sessions include:

- **Phipps Bridge Allotment:** Wednesdays and Sundays (weekly)
- **Mitcham Orchard:** Fridays (weekly) and Saturdays (monthly)
- **Canons Community Garden:** Tuesdays (spring/summer monthly) and Saturdays (monthly)

Role Supervisor & Support Provided:

Supported by the Growing Spaces Coordinator **Katie Tubby** E: katie@sustainablemerton.org

- Induction, warm welcome, and ongoing guidance provided
- Tools, gloves, and refreshments supplied.

Location:

- [Google Map for Phipps Bridge Community Garden](#)
- [Google Map for Mitcham Community Orchard & Garden](#)
- [Google Map for Canon's House](#)

Benefits:

- Enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening and being outdoors. Strengthen local connections and build community resilience.
- Develop your knowledge of sustainable and organic food growing.
- Make a meaningful contribution to a greener, fairer Merton.