

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY WITH EASTLEIGH BOROUGH AND ROMSEY MENCAP

GRANTHAM GREEN GROWERS

About the opportunity

In 2016 members of Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP were asked about their usage of Grantham Green, they responded that they used it but preferred Eastleigh Recreation Ground because there were more places to sit, more interesting planting and better bio-diversity. These responses were included in Eastleigh Borough Council's transformation plan and as a result ornamental shrubs, wildflower turf and additional benches have been provided. People with learning disabilities are also going to be involved in maintaining the ornamental beds and have a watching brief over the wild flower turf.

We are recruiting local volunteers to work with our members in this endeavour. This is a great opportunity to meet people with learning disabilities and to enjoy working alongside them in the fresh air. Our horticultural Co-ordinator, Maria will be teaching skills, so this could be a way of enhancing your gardening knowledge.

About Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP Society

Eastleigh Borough and Romsey MENCAP Society runs a number of activities and projects in the region aimed at supporting people with learning disabilities who live with their families, in supported housing or independently. Full details are available on our website www.ebrmencap.org.uk. We also have 3 to 4 social events for our members and their carers throughout the year. The Society is run by volunteers and employs 6 staff.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for local volunteers to work alongside us. No horticultural knowledge needed, just an interest in people, ability to work as part of a team and a desire to learn.

Practical Considerations

This opportunity would be ideal for anyone over 18, with good communication skills, and an interest in helping people with learning disabilities to enjoy being outdoors and to improve their gardening skills.

For an informal chat about the role please contact Michelle on 023 8048 3471 or via email – ebr.mencap@ntlworld.com