



October 2025

The Arun and Chichester Food Partnership are looking for a Community Gardener

Hours: Ad hoc, approximately 6 hours per month for 6 months, (*currently funded until 31st March 2026 with possible extension dependent on funding*)

Pay: £20 per hour

Location: Various locations across Arun and Chichester Districts

Contract type: short term, self-employed basis

Background:

The Arun and Chichester Food Partnership are supporting community groups to develop and maintain community growing sites across Arun and Chichester Districts. The aims are to:

- increase participation in community growing
- improve the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of residents.
- Pass on skills and knowledge for growing, which can be applied at home or in workplaces

Role description:

With support from the Food Partnership Development Officers, the community gardener will:

- Coordinate and run volunteer participation sessions across various live sites
- Create designs and growing plans, supporting participants to be involved in the process where possible
- Ensure sessions are inclusive and accessible, identifying barriers and potential solutions to participation
- Work in partnership with different agencies to widen participation
- Deliver occasional specialist workshops for the community
- Assist with monitoring and evaluation requirements
- Meet legal requirements and best practice
- Risk assess sites, train and supervise participants to mitigate risks

Essential skills:

- Knowledge and passion for horticulture/food growing
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to lead, motivate and inspire others

- Self-motivation and ability to work autonomously
- Committed to supporting people with complex needs
- Experience of identifying risks and adhering to health and safety requirements
- Set up as a self-employed worker with appropriate insurance

Desirable skills:

- Experience of working with volunteers and community groups
- Qualifications in horticulture, horticultural therapy, community work, outdoor education
- Experience with community food growing
- UK Driving license

Please send a CV and short cover letter or any enquiries about the role to hello@arunchifood.org.uk and we will be in touch.

Find more information about the Arun and Chichester Food Partnership on our website here: arunchifood.org.uk