Handyman and Gardener Volunteer

**About Carers Lewisham**

Carers Lewisham supports unpaid carers who are caring for a family member, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their support. Being a carer can be rewarding but it’s also demanding and can have a huge impact on a carer’s own physical health and emotional wellbeing. We look after the carers, providing practical information and emotional support, as well as an opportunity for them to meet other carers and share experiences.

**About the role**

The Handyman and Gardener volunteer will help us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for unpaid carers at our Carers Centre in Forest Hill.

**Key Tasks**

* Maintaining a small garden, pruning, weeding and litter picking
* Maintaining a small courtyard to the front, ensuring it is clean and tidy
* Carrying out small maintenance and repair jobs throughout the centre
* Carrying out small painting and decorating jobs
* Helping declutter storage cupboards and take items to the tip
* Maintaining the safety and cleanliness of the centre

**Is this the right role for me? Are you:**

* Able to use your own initiative and work with limited supervision
* Have practical skills needed for gardening and handyman tasks
* Have your own tools that you could bring to the centre as needed
* Driver and with access to a vehicle (ideally)
* Able to commit a few hours each month on a regular basis?
* Are you over 18 years of age?

**Benefits of volunteering**

* Meeting new people and be part of a friendly and supportive team.
* Pride in maintaining a welcoming environment for unpaid carers
* Increased sense of wellbeing from supporting others
* Regular supervision with your line manager to discuss progress and areas of development.
* Can help you progress to paid employment as you gain experience that may prepare you for work and we will provide references.
* Travel and expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with our Volunteer Policy.

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