



## **VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION**

**Volunteer Role:** Community Gardener

**Key contacts:** Development Trust Manager

**Placement:** Gorebridge Beacon

**Time Commitment:** 2 – 4 hrs per week, at a time that suits you

### **INTRODUCTION**

GCDT is an independent charity serving the local community of Gorebridge and the surrounding area which seeks to make Gorebridge a good place to live and work. We meet this objective by:

- Operating and managing the Gorebridge Community Hub (Gorebridge Beacon)
- Delivering projects (heritage, social, environmental)
- Working in partnership with other organisations
- Identifying, and delivering new initiatives to meet the needs of the community

### **THE COMMUNITY GARDENS**

The Gorebridge Beacon is surrounded by a community garden, which is a community initiative to encourage people to grow and share food. The current community gardeners also have adopted Hunter Square at the top of the Main Street. The gardeners meet regularly, and it's a fun and lively group.

### **Skills/Abilities and experience beneficial to the role**

- A real desire to make a difference to people's lives
- An ability to work with individuals with a friendly and enthusiastic and friendly approach
- Be reliable and committed to community and the charity with an ability to empathise and engage with individuals from all walks of life, regardless of cultural or social background
- You like being outdoors, working alone or with others

### **Tasks/responsibilities**

- You will be able to work between 2 and 8 hours per week on days that suit you and depending on your availability
- You are reliable and enthusiastic
- You have knowledge of gardening, in particular of growing food
- You will be able to work with minimal supervision
- Depending on the season, you will plant, maintain and harvest the plot
- You will carry out any communal tasks required this may include weeding, watering, tidying the toolshed, turning the compost etc
- You will have the chance to participate in any community events happening at the garden if you wish to