

Head Gardener

A special opportunity has arisen for an experienced and talented **Head Gardener** to play a key role in the renowned Larch Cottage Nurseries and award-winning gardens.

Larch Cottage Nurseries, in the heart of the Eden Valley, is host to over 15,000 varieties of plants, the vast majority of which are propagated on-site. We specialise in rare and unusual Shrubs, Perennials, and Climbers, Japanese Acers, Old Fashioned Roses, and slow growing and Dwarf Conifers. For many of these varieties we are the country's only suppliers as listed in the RHS Bible, The Plantfinder.

As Head Gardener you will be responsible for 2 or 3 assistant gardeners and as a team you will be looking after the Secret Garden which holds borders of lush flower beds, a wildflower meadow, an orchard, and lawns with a stream leading down into a small lake with the chapel at its head. In addition, you will also oversee the organic kitchen garden which serves our restaurant for most of the summer.

Experience in a similar role will be an advantage, however, we would consider applicants from other backgrounds - enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are essential!

Main duties will include:

To undertake all garden maintenance tasks at a commercial pace, either under direction or without supervision, including weeding, planting, watering, mulching, leaf-collecting, applying pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

- To propagate plants from the border.
- To maintain labelling of all stock plants within borders.
- To operate and maintain machinery and hand tools.
- To become competent with our in-house stock system for labelling, plant look up etc.
- To ensure that operating procedures are complied with and implemented.
- To ensure compliance with relevant legislation at all times.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate and a great opportunity for person growth.

Full-time. Salary from £26,000.00 per year