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Botanical Horticulturist
for the Water Gardens

I manage the Water Gardens at Wakehurst. An important part of my job is to keep a record of all the plants we have in our collection, making sure they are correctly labelled and thriving.

Through science we understand how plants function. This means we can grow them to the best condition for visitors to enjoy and for scientists to have good plant material to work with.



I am: 1. Organised
2. Diligent
3. Hardworking

After school I went to drama school and studied Stage Management and Technical Arts. I worked in theatre for 17 years, then studied for RHS qualifications while working as a full-time gardener.

I love being able to work outside in nature, surrounded by wonderful plants and wildlife. There is always something new to learn.

Science is everywhere and is so important to everything we do as horticulturists. Without plants we cannot live and without skilled horticulturists we can't grow plants in the best way.



I don't have an average day as it depends on the season, from mowing and planting in spring to repairs, pruning and planning in the winter.

It can be hard work but so rewarding. Plants are vital for the future of the planet, so it is a career to be proud of. There are different avenues you can take with horticulture; from plant research to garden design, from working in communities to historic gardens.

Botanical horticulturists are highly skilled and knowledgeable. They learn through practical training as well as through courses and exams.

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