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PART TIME GARDENER POSITION

Hours: Approximately 0.5 days per week March - October and 0.5 days per fortnight November - February. We're open to further discussion with the appointed gardener on these hours but currently they act as a guide.

Rate: £25-35 per hour depending on experience

Start date:

We envisage this role commencing as soon as possible for late Spring/early Summer 2024, but understand that many professional gardeners have busy rosters and are open to a discussion on exact start date with the right candidate.

An exciting position for an experienced and enthusiastic gardener to maintain and develop the newly designed garden of an iconic 1960s Mervyn Seal property overlooking Brixham harbour. The candidate should have an interest and commitment to see the garden develop over time in collaboration with the designer of the garden, Harris Bugg Studio.

About the garden

The garden lies behind the property and on a sloping site that has been terraced with drystone walls built from the underlying bedrock stone. It has been designed with a mid-century modern aesthetic to complement the architecture. Key features include a winding stepped path to the top of the site and a concrete terrace with spectacular views to the sea.

The planting is predominantly a Mediterranean palette with a gravel mulch in places, and is a mix of grasses, shrubs and herbaceous perennials. There are two *Arbutus andrachnoides* multi stems and three *Acacia delabata* that have been planted as feathered specimens with a view to editing and canopy lifting as they grow.

Main duties

- Working with Harris Bugg Studio to develop the garden in the coming years, make recommendations, stay in ongoing dialogue with the designers and implement any agreed future enhancements.
- Strong plant knowledge and understanding of appropriate maintenance of plants throughout the year.

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- Weeding the newly planted beds to aid the establishment of plants.
- Keep the garden in a tidy and presentable condition at all times of year.
- Monitor health of newly planted and existing trees taking appropriate action in response to any damage or disease.
- Monitoring growth of specimen trees (*Arbutus andrachnoides* and *Acacia dealbata*) and pruning to lift canopies where necessary to encourage them to develop into beautiful and characterful shapes.
- Pruning shrubs when required to keep them to a suitable size with a naturalistic habit.
- Maintain and demonstrate high horticultural standards at all times.
- Have an understanding of irrigation systems and actively monitor irrigation, adjusting when required.
- Maintaining a limited number of planters.
- Sweep, clean and maintain hard surfaces.
- Maintain clear drainage channels.
- Any other reasonable responsibilities relating the upkeep and development of the garden.

The requirements

- Qualification such as RHS level 2 or equivalent in horticulture; minimum 3 years/preferred 5 years + experience working with woody and herbaceous plants.
- Exceptionally high standards and attention to detail.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the intended aesthetic of the garden's design and an interest in nurturing and developing this.
- Have a flexible and collaborative attitude, to work with the client and designer.
- Be prepared to work outside in all weathers.
- An understanding of Health and Safety and sustainable garden practices.
- Public liability insurance.
- Provide your own transport and tools including means to remove waste off site. Off street parking is available in the client's driveway.
- This is a self-employed role and will be a contract directly with the client.

We are hoping for this to be locally-based person.

How to apply

To apply please send an outline of your qualifications, experience and interest in the role to studio@harrisbugg.com by 9am on Monday 8th April. We will be in contact that week with next steps.