<u>Groundwork Thames Valley Advert</u>
Head Gardener

Iver Environment Centre (formally Iver Nature Study Centre)

Description
Iver Environment Centre is looking to recruit a Volunteer Head Gardener(s) to help develop and maintain the 2.5-acre site. Working both within a team of mixed ability volunteers and alone the Volunteer Head Gardener will manage the grounds and work with the centre manager to create a truly inspirational environment. Whilst this is a voluntary position there is an annual budget available for maintenance.

Organisation
Iver Environment Centre is a unique wilderness located 1 mile from Uxbridge Town Centre. Spread over 2.5 acres the site includes an orchard, meadow, woodland, lake and even a Rainforest (in a polytunnel). The site is open to school groups to learn about the environment and explore nature and is used by a number of special needs groups for Horticultural Therapy.

Iver is owned by National Grid and is managed by Groundwork Thames Valley an environmental charity.

When Required
Monday to Friday Flexible
Ideally we are looking for a person(s) willing to commit in the medium to long term at least a couple of days a week.

Areas of Interest
Gardening, nature, the environment

Types of Activity
The Head Gardener will take a role in the creation, management and maintenance of the grounds. Duties will include general gardening such as weeding, watering and repairing fences, they will also work with our education team to develop the grounds into a unique learning resource to include:

- Raised beds
- Allotments and wildlife gardens
- Compost demonstration site
- Pond development and maintenance
- General maintenance and some light construction

Skills and Qualifications
The ideal volunteer will have a sound knowledge of gardening and will ideally have a track record in allotments and or conservation work. **The most desirable skill is vision and creativity.**

Additional Suitability's
The post could entail working with children and people with special needs. The applicant(s) will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Induction – Yes

Directions
Iver Environment Centre, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Buck SL0 0EB.
Bus 58 from Uxbridge/Slough – stop opposite Mansfield Farm

Recruitment Method
Informal Interview and walk around the site
3 taster sessions

Enrolment as Head Gardener.