**Experienced Gardener required for the gardens of Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.**

**Salary:** Salary negotiable depending on level of experience. Life assurance offered.

**Role:** Hatfield House, home to the Marquess of Salisbury, sits in its own Park, in south Hertfordshire. The House and Garden are open to the public from April until October and the Park is open to local pass holders all year ‘round.

 The Garden extends to approximately 40 acres of formal and less formal grounds. Its development is directed by Lady Salisbury.

 The role will involve working within the gardening team of about 6 to maintain the Garden to a high standard.

**Candidate:** A thorough, skilled and hard-working gardener with experience of maintenance in large gardens or a similar environment. Good plant knowledge is important and some experience in glasshouse work is preferred.

A good manner with people including the principle family, staff, colleagues, guests and visitors is essential.

**Duties:** Day to day gardening upkeep and maintenance, reporting to the Head Gardener, include: lawn maintenance; hedge-trimming; border maintenance, e.g. weeding, rose pruning, staking, etc.; greenhouse works and cultivation of houseplants; management of meadow and rough grass; spraying; some supervision of volunteers, or less experienced gardeners.

 Other related duties, including periodic weekend watering.

**Education:** A sound knowledge of basic horticultural skills is vital. Applicants with the relevant training and qualifications in horticulture, including spraying certificates, are preferred.

**Personal: -** Well organised and confident, with initiative and enthusiasm

 - A naturally practical person who leads by example

 - The ability to work independently and within a team

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