



RABY

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PART TIME GROUND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
ROLE SPECIFICATION

Background:

The Raby Estate comprises landholdings and trading operations in Co Durham and Shropshire that are owned by Lord Barnard. Raby Estate business operations include in-house farms, let farms and residential property, visitor attractions and sporting enterprises across 3 Estates in Co Durham and Shropshire

Raby Castle near Staindrop has been the home of the Vane family for generations and is open to visitors. Lord and Lady Barnard seek to develop the Castle and grounds so that Raby Castle becomes one of the foremost visitor attractions in the North.

The Estate is looking for someone to help prepare and maintain Raby Castle visitor areas and public amenities to a high standard and assist the Castle Custodians and Garden Staff with the general maintenance of exterior spaces.

Applicants must have a full driving license, good communication skills, drive and willingness to learn, a strong team ethic, a willingness to get “stuck in”, honest and integrity. It would also be an advantage to hold a MEWP (mobile elevated work platforms) license, NPTC PA1 & PA6 Knapsack Sprayer as well as first aid and manual handling qualifications.

Job Title:	Part time Ground Maintenance Assistant
Responsible to:	Castle Custodian / Head of Leisure Development / Head Gardener
Salary and benefits:	Competitive, meets national living wage
Hours:	Minimum of 20 hours per week, with scope for additional as required

Key Responsibilities:

- Maintain the external areas of the site in a presentable condition
- Carry out routine ground maintenance to prevent the build up of weeds and moss on the gravel and stone areas and remove litter as required.
- Assist Garden Staff with routine tasks as required, including maintenance of borders, lawns and grass areas, weeding and pruning work.
- Maintenance of paths and seating areas within the gardens
- Operation of horticultural equipment associated with above tasks.
- Clean and maintain the public toilets area to a very high standard when required
- Carry out routine inspections and undertake basic repairs to facilities within the park
- Assist castle and other estate departments with additional tasks as required

This list is not exhaustive, and you will be required to carry out any other reasonable tasks arising from time to time.