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**Gardener**

Creative and hardworking gardener with extensive experience in horticulture, landscaping and overall garden maintenance. Ability to leverage hands on experience tending to plants and turf and developing and maintaining exceptional standards in world’s most photographed and famous gardens, such as Kensington Palace, The Tower of London, and Hillsborough Castle in Belfast. Skilled in monitoring plant health and nurturing growth of young trees and shrubs and shaping future of gardens by planting new shrubbery, bulbs and seasonal flower displays, ensuring worthy setting for magnificent historic building, as well as high profile events. ***Proven expertise in:***

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| * Gardening & Planting * Soft & Hard Landscaping * Show Garden & Kitchen Garden * Equipment Handling * Garden Maintenance & Turfing | * Health & Safety Standards * Continuous Process Improvement * Leadership & Training * Cross Team Collaboration |

**Professional Experience**

Hampton Court Palace

**Skilled Gardner,** 1998 to 2020

*Assisted with overall management and coordination of overall landscape, including watering, turf mowing, weeding, hard surface care, pruning, and mulching of the Gardens and Estates.*

Prioritized workload as assigned by the Supervisors/Managers in an efficient and timely manner. Operated all types of access equipment, hand, power tools and grounds vehicles in accordance with health & safety and manufacturers’ guidelines. Interacted and communicated with various types of visitors; identified and needs. Led and guided small and large teams to design and install beds, plants, soft- and hard landscapes and structures with consideration for water conservation.

***Key Achievements:***

* Created and maintained pleasant environment, ensuring safety and security of visitors in working area.
* Promoted to Acting Assistant Team Leader in 2018/19; held complete accountability for new role.

***Key Projects:***

* Show Garden at Hampton Court Flower show
* Magic Garden at Hampton Court Palace
* Kitchen Garden at Hampton Court Palace
* Lower orangery garden at Hampton Court Palace
* RePlanting the Longwater avenue in Home Park at Hampton Court Palace
* River Thames, Barge walk toe path project, Hampton Court Palace

*Additional experience as* ***Apprentice Gardner*** *at* ***Hampton Court Palace****,* ***Capel Manor****,* ***Enfield and Gunnersbury Park, Kensington Palace****,* ***The Tower of London****,* ***Hillsborough Castle in Belfast*** *and* ***Various Royal Parks*** *in London.*

**Education and Certification**

**Surrey Nursery Training Group:**

The Safe use and Maintenance of Ride on Mowers - 2020

The Safe use of Ladders and Platforms

The Grinding and Sharpening of Garden Tools

The Safe use and Maintenance of Nifty Lift 120 T

The Safe use of Power Tools and Generators

Manual Handling Refresher Course

**Regents Park Training College:**

City and Guilds NVQ Level 1 and 2 in Amenity Horticulture

City and Guilds NVQ Level 1 and 2 in Decorative Horticulture, Nursery and Interior Landscaping

**E-Learning Courses**: Welcome to HRP | A New Cause for HRP | Working with the Data Protection Act | GDPR | DSE Awareness | HRP File Naming Standards | Digital Awareness | ACT Awareness | Fire Safety Management | Hazardous Substances | Working at Height | Managing Emergencies | Environmental Awareness | Manual Handling | Workplace Safety | Asbestos Awareness | Managing Contractors

**NPTC- National Proficiency Tests Council:**

Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides PA1, PA6A, and PA06AW

The safe Use and Maintenance of Powered Pole Pruners

Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Brush cutting Operations

Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Compact Tractors

Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the safe use of Mowers

Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe use of Hedge Trimmers

Kingfisher Access Certificate of Training and Competence in Assembling, Dismantling, moving, altering and inspecting a Boss Ladder span Tower with Camlock Advance Guardrail System.

**C.S.C.S- Construction Skills Certificate Scheme:**

Construction Related Occupation

**SCOLA-Sutton College of Liberal Arts:** Introduction to Garden Design

**KLC School of Design**: How to Survey Your Garden

**Surrey Ambulance Service NHS Trust:** First Aid at Work Refresher Course

**Team Leader Training Modules**

**Opsis Renewal Consulting**: Achieving Results, Creating an Environment, Building an Effective Team

**Historic Royal Palaces:**

**Internal courses**: Respecting the Individual | Developing Resilience