

## Theatre Volunteer Role Profile: GARDENS

## Open to those aged 16+ (or younger with an accompanying adult)

Compass Theatre was built in 1968, in the back garden of the Grade II listed Ickenham Hall. The Hall itself now connects to Compass Theatre internally, through the theatre foyer bar, and provides rooms for rehearsals, meetings and performing arts classes.

The garden in front of Ickenham Hall was previously planted and maintained by group of volunteers, who made great efforts to have the garden designed to fit the period of the house. The wall in front of the garden dates back to the house that previously stood on the same site, before the building we now have was built, back in 1724. There are rose bushes between the car parking area and that wall, to protect it.

Whilst the theatre's caretaker can mow the lawn, the original garden volunteers have long gone and we lack people with green enough fingers to help maintain the rose bushes that protect that wall, and the few remaining beds around the lawn. The theatre is therefore looking to find people willing to bring along some secateurs and gloves so the plants can continue to protect that very old brickwork, which helps keep the Hall looking cared for and inviting.

Volunteers would attend according to seasonal requirements, at times convenient to them, as no access to the theatre itself is required, although they're very welcome to come inside when the buildings are open, for a well-earned sit down and a cup of tea or coffee.

Hillingdon Theatres' Volunteers act as ambassadors for the borough's community theatres and the productions they house and, such may request two free tickets for most shows, subject to availability. Shows not included in that offer are those raising funds for either the Friends of Ickenham Hall or the Mayor of Hillingdon's chosen charities.

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