



Volunteer Role Description

Kearsney Parks Photography Volunteer

About Kearsney Parks

Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens are the most popular, historic parks in Dover. They are located 2.5 miles north west of Dover town centre in the Alkham Valley, next to the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Both parks are carefully designed landscapes. Thousands of tonnes of earth were moved, and trees planted to create the slopes, woods, water courses and lakes.

The River Dour, a spring-fed chalk stream, flows through the parks. Combined with ornamental lakes, this gives the parks a picturesque landscape style. The origins of both parks can be traced back to grand country houses and estates built for prominent local industrialists in the early 19th and 20th centuries.

Outline of the role

We are always in need of new photographic images here at Kearsney Parks, whether that includes photos of our events throughout the year or periodic seasonal photos for use on social media, our website or for our annual calendar.

As part of this volunteer role you will be asked to sign a media disclaimer allowing us to use photographic images for Kearsney Parks. You will also need to get signed forms from members of the public, if you take pictures of people.

If you would like to make a real difference to Kearsney Parks, this is a great volunteer opportunity.

You will also need to have your own photographic equipment.

Time

Flexible time commitment. Ideally volunteers should be available for events which are sporadic throughout the year, advanced notice will always be given.





Skills and experience required

- good photography skills
- the ability to capture the atmosphere of Kearsney Parks events
- good interpersonal skills and an approachable manner
- the ability to interact with the public during our events
- friendly and enthusiastic demeanour
- excellent communication skills with a friendly and approachable demeanour
- events may require you to be on your feet for long periods of time
- to be reliable in attendance and dependable
- enthusiasm for Kearsney Parks

The benefits of the role

This role will give you the opportunity to:

- meet new people and make new friends and dedicate yourself to a rewarding role
- develop new skills and take on new challenges
- help Kearsney Parks run more smoothly and make a difference to the local environment and community

What Kearsney Parks will provide

In return for your valuable help we aim to ensure that volunteering for Kearsney Parks is a fulfilling and worthwhile experience. We will provide:

- induction and training with ongoing support
- refreshments
- further training where applicable

Kearsney Parks is open to volunteers from all backgrounds. Anyone who would like to get involved is welcome to apply.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Volunteers who will be directly and significantly involved with children or vulnerable adults will be required to undergo a DBS check.

How to apply

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk, requesting a volunteer registration form. This completed form can be returned to the same email address. Or, you can write to Kearsney Parks, Dover District Council, Dover, Kent CT16 3PJ.

What happens after your application?

An informal chat with the appropriate person will then be arranged. At this point, all general information about the organisation and specifically about the volunteer post will be provided.

This role description provides a summary of the volunteer role. However, it is not a legally binding document.

