



Leighlin Parish Development CLG



#CES-2434506

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, Duckett's



Grove House, Duckett's Grove, Carlow, R93

RF80



No of positions : 1



Community Employment Programme



19.5 hours per week



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01/04/2026



13/05/2026

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Assistant Gardener - Ducketts Grove

Application Details

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department.

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Job Description

Duties

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

The Assistant Gardener will provide full garden and grounds maintenance support to the Head Gardener at Duckett's Grove. With his guidance and knowledge, renovate and restore existing gardens within the grounds to their former glory. The pleasure grounds, walled gardens, house and outbuildings are a major heritage tourism product in Irelands Ancient East trail in terms of cultural, educational, tourism and hospitality activities. The aim of this position is to aid the Head Gardener restore Victorian Gardens back to as near as they can be when they were originally planted. The promotion of County Carlow as the floral county will greatly enhance the tourism product. Duckett's grove provides a unique opportunity to greatly increase tourism and to become a hub of activity for the County.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Maintains ornamental lawns along with other grass areas within the demense.
- Maintains flowerbeds, including seasonal planting.
- Carries out soil cultivation; digging, forking, mulching, watering, raking, weeding, edging, pruning, seed sowing, bed preparation and cultivation.
- Sweeps and clears leaves and debris etc. from lawns, paths, playgrounds, steps, drains and gullies.
- Assists in woodland management.
- Undertakes minor construction and landscaping work.

- Uses and maintains hand tools and basic light machinery and plant.
- Uses cylinder and rotary mowers, petrol based mechanical tools e.g. hedge cutter, strimmer, leaf blowers, as required to carry out grounds maintenance.
- Adjusts mower height as required to ensure quality of cut in line with growth. Routinely checks mower for damage and oil levels to ensure safe usage.
- Drives vehicles and equipment (including tractors) as required for grounds maintenance operations.
- Ensures vehicles and equipment used by self are regularly maintained in accordance with routine operating requirements.
- Monitors the use of consumables and spares and makes arrangements for their replenishment.
- Applies chemicals where directed taking into account Department regulations.
- Ensures the safe use, storage, calibration and disposal of pesticides and other similar substances.
- Promotes the health and safety of self and others and adheres to any completed risk assessments.
- Responds to emergency situations as necessary and appropriate.
- Keeps the tool store clean and tidy.
- Carries out gritting, salt spreading, snow cleaning, as necessary
- Maintains good communications with other staff, visitors, responding politely to any queries.

- **Sector:** administrative and support service activities