

## Volunteer long-term resident – Groundskeeper

From time to time, a vacancy arises for a layperson who wishes to deepen their understanding and practice of Buddhism through living within our monastic setting, to be offered the opportunity to stay as a long-term resident at Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.

Long-term Lay Residents follow the schedules and daily routine of the monastery. This involves taking part in the life of the community and regular periods of meditation, work, chores, and occasionally attending retreats held in the Amaravati Retreat Centre.

We are looking for someone with suitable practical skills to take responsibility for the general maintenance and appearance of the monastery's extensive grounds, looking after grounds maintenance equipment and working with volunteers.

This is a volunteer, residential role available from August 2017. Following a trial period of three months, the successful applicant may be invited to stay for one year initially.

The role entails a variety of tasks, including:

- Undertaking to offer approximately 30 hours of service per week
- Being physically fit and robust, with a willingness to learn maintenance-related skills
- Use of maintenance machines such as ride-on mower
- Strimming and brush-cutting
- Walk-behind mowing (petrol powered)
- Hedge cutting
- Cleaning and maintaining equipment and tools
- Performing basic grounds maintenance
- Supervising experienced and inexperienced volunteers doing basic grounds maintenance
- Working independently and as part of a team of volunteers and monastics
- Implementing safe work procedures
- Assisting with some clerical duties such as record keeping and safety documentation
- Driving (if in possession of a valid UK driving license)

Applicants should be EU citizens or have Leave to Remain in the UK. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your CV and a covering letter to [monasterysecretary@amaravati.org](mailto:monasterysecretary@amaravati.org) by 1 July 2017. Interviews will take place the week of 17 July with the view to appoint the new Groundskeeper Lay Volunteer Resident soon afterwards.