

## Job Description

### Father Christmas

Part time role  
Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. RH16 1XP

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#### About Borde Hill

Borde Hill Garden (BHG) is a registered charity and a Grade II\* listed English Heritage Garden set within 383 acres of Parkland and Woodland in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which is open to visitors each season.

We offer a diverse event programme throughout the open season for our visitors and Members, culminating with a family friendly, magical, Christmas event. As part of the event this year we will open our beautifully decorated Grotto each weekend from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, appealing to families with children under 8 years, and of course Father Christmas is key.

#### You and Your Role

Becoming Father Christmas is a magical task and you will ensure each and every person who visits the Borde Hill Christmas Grotto has a truly special experience. Father Christmas is only ever seen by our visitors as the man himself, and not in any other capacity in order to keep the believability. This involves character work, endless energy and a love for Christmas magic. You must adhere to the Father Christmas character at all times.

Alongside Mrs Claus and your elves you will deliver a memorable visit, engaging with children to discover their Christmas wishes and giving them a small gift to take home. A constant commitment to the Santa story is essential and a desire to make all our younger visitors' dreams come true.

Only committed and responsible applicants, with a love of all things Christmas will be considered.

#### Skills and Experience

- To engage with children in the Grotto and bring the magic of Christmas alive.
- To embrace the persona of the character and be a confident storyteller.
- Have endless energy, enthusiasm and good customer service skills.
- Able to take direction and have good time management skills.
- Ability to keep calm under pressure and problem solve.
- Happy to work individually and as part of a team.
- Excellent personal presentation is required (your costume will be provided).
- You must enjoy working with children.
- Applicants must be available for at least 4 of these dates; 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December between 9.15am and 3.45pm.
- Possible additional dates for pre-school children on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December.

...and can deliver a very good Ho! Ho! Ho!

#### Salary:

£140 per day

#### Hours:

7 hours per day

This could be a job share

#### To apply:

Email your CV & covering letter to say why you can bring the magic of Christmas alive for our younger visitors to:  
[manager@bordehill.co.uk](mailto:manager@bordehill.co.uk)

#### Closing date:

6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### Our location:

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