

## APPLY FOR SANCTUARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRIENDS OF THWAITE GARDENS

We are delighted to be able to offer people seeking sanctuary the opportunity to volunteer as a member of the [Friends of Thwaite Gardens](#) to help maintain and develop the University of Hull Botanic Gardens in Cottingham. Thwaite Gardens have been owned by the University since 1948 and comprise glasshouses containing plants from around the world as well as a hectare of lawns, trees and themed borders.

Sanctuary membership of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens is free. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to get involved with gardening and project work. Having some general gardening or DIY knowledge is helpful, though volunteers are always happy to share their expertise with others. You will also be able to spend time enjoying the Gardens, perhaps taking a leisurely stroll in the tranquil surroundings, observing the changes as the seasons progress or learning about the Gardens' diverse plant specimens and wildlife habitats.

Friends of Thwaite Gardens volunteers normally meet on site on Tuesdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm) and Fridays (9.30am to 2.00pm).

Please complete the **application form** on page 3 below to apply for Sanctuary membership of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens. Please ensure that you have a **letter of support** from a recognised sanctuary support organisation (see overleaf) to include with your application.

Sanctuary membership is renewable annually, provided support from a relevant organisation is continuing.

### ELIGIBILITY

The scheme aims to support those who have sought sanctuary in the UK through the asylum system, resettlement routes or similar. Applicants may be at any stage in the asylum process.

As part of your application, you will need to provide a **letter of support** signed by a representative from a recognised organisation that works with forced migrants who have sought sanctuary in the UK. Letters should be on the organisation's official letterhead.

Template text for letters and an indicative list of recognised sanctuary support organisations are provided overleaf. Letters of support from other relevant organisations not listed below may also be accepted.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT TEMPLATE

[DATE]

To the University of Hull

On behalf of [NAME OF ORGANISATION], I am pleased to support the application of [NAME OF APPLICANT] for Sanctuary membership of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens.

I confirm that [NAME OF APPLICANT] has sought sanctuary in the UK and holds the following immigration status: *[give details, e.g. refugee status, awaiting outcome of submitted asylum claim]*.

[NAME OF ORGANISATION] has verified [NAME OF APPLICANT]'s sanctuary status through the following check(s): *[give details, e.g. evidenced by valid Application Registration Card (ARC), BAIL 201 form or Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)]*.

Membership of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens will *[give example(s) of how the applicant will benefit from volunteering at the Gardens]*.

Yours

[SIGNATURE]

[NAME]

[ROLE]

[ORGANISATION]

## RECOGNISED SANCTUARY SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

- CIAC
- Hull Help for Refugees
- Open Doors
- Refugee Council
- Welcome House
- Welcome to English
- Hull4Ukraine

## FRIENDS OF THWAITE GARDENS

### SANCTUARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

I wish to *join/renew*\* my **Sanctuary membership** of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Delete as appropriate*

No fee is payable for Sanctuary membership of the Friends of Thwaite Gardens.

**Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from a recognised sanctuary support organisation.**

**Data Protection:** Your information will be stored securely and will only be for Friends of Thwaite Gardens' use. Where practical we will keep information up to date. We will not keep personal details for longer than necessary.

**Please return your completed form and letter of support to the Treasurer at the address below. A stamped self-addressed envelope would be appreciated.**

**Treasurer:** Mrs Annie Bourton Card  
595 Endyke Lane  
Cottingham HU6 8TE

Tel: 01482 849158

Date.....