

Working@Allensmore for Seasonal Workers

Written by a seasonal worker working at Allensmore

Work starts in February and ends in August, but a few students may be asked to stay on a bit longer. To give you an idea of what we do, a student from each department has written about what they do on a day to day basis.

Added Value Department

I start my day by filling pots and containers with compost for the girls who are planting them up. Once the pots and containers have been planted, I load them up on to trolleys for that days orders and take them across to the loading bay. Between filling pots, picking & packing orders, I bed down new stock and keep the place tidy.

Potting Department

Early in the morning we start by setting the lines up for that days potting. When setup I will take a position on the line. I could do one of many tasks on the line from putting pots on at the start of the line, planting pots with plugs, to packing the trolleys with newly planted pots to then bedding down on the nursery.

Nursery Department

In the nursery I look after the plants, most of my day is spent watering, weeding and picking over plants. When needed I also space out the plants. Towards the end of the season we square up and tidy the beds.

Dispatch Department

Early in the morning we get our picking lists and head out into the nursery to pick up plants for the days orders. When we have collected all the plants for the orders we take them back to the dispatch area. Here we will clean, price and care card the plants and finish by packing them back on to trolleys ready for the loading bay to load onto the delivery trucks.

Loading Bay Department

When the dispatch teams have brought the orders into the loading bay we will sort out which orders are going on which truck and we lay the trolleys in lines. In the evening when the trucks come back from their days deliveries we can start to load them with tomorrow's deliveries. I also have to unload new stock being delivered to the nursery.

If one of the departments needs some extra help the supervisor may ask us to help them. We work from Sunday to Friday and have Saturday off. Working here is a good way to save money and we also get to see parts of the UK.