

We are looking for a full-time housekeeper with experience in maintaining a multi-faceted property to very high standards.

We have a small estate in Upper Wensleydale, North Yorkshire. It's a large house (but with only three bedrooms) built in 1810 and recently renovated. In addition, there's a two-bed holiday cottage, artist studios and gallery. It is situated in Upper Wensleydale in approx. 320 acres of land.

We are a couple in our 50's with no children. Jonathan has a residential design business in London and Graeme is an artist. We both work from the property in separate studios. Both our studio spaces need regular tidying and cleaning. We have two dogs (they are a vital part of the situation here that anyone would need to be very comfortable with and be able to do dog sitting when we are on holiday. We live pretty much full time in Yorkshire but have a place in London also that we visit once per month.

We have a two-bed holiday cottage which is quite busy and of a very high quality, which needs regular (weekly) cleaning and 'turnaround'. We are also currently building a gallery and studio space about 500m from the house, where we will have exhibitions and will also have two more holiday let accommodations in 2022. Ideally the bookings and organisation of these accommodations would be handled by the person employed. Also, when we hold events in the gallery spaces, we will need help with these... prep, cleaning, kitchen support, etc.

We have a fantastic full time 'groundsman / handyman' (who's a lot more than either of those things) and is fully stretched. Having someone who can provide help for him in day-to-day maintenance of the house would also be helpful. There's a degree of 'technical' aspects that also need to be organised and overseen with the relevant tradesmen, as required.

The house is full of special things and materials, so care and attention to detail in maintaining the house and its contents is required (we collect ceramics for example). We have guests every third weekend or so. The collection of guests at the local train station (Northallerton / Garsdale) would be useful, so a clean driving licence is required. We do casual and family style entertaining. We don't need a cook as I enjoy cooking BUT we do need back of house support for dinner parties, etc., usually at the weekends but only when we have guests. We need someone to go to the supermarket for groceries every week or so (which is 45 mins away) and someone who can make and manage internet orders for groceries is essential. The care of all laundry for the house would be a requirement.

We are constructing some potential staff accommodation space close to the house (ready in 2022) but in the meantime we would organise local accommodation.

We need someone who can take initiative, is organised and proactive, who enjoys being outdoors a lot (they need to be fit and physically capable, as it's very physical here in this environment) and are dog friendly. Ideally the person / people would see themselves as an important part of our team here and would want to get involved as much as possible without (and this is vital) being intrusive in any way. Overall, it's a tight, creative, friendly situation here... always with 'projects' happening and quite a lot of activity in an everchanging and developing place.