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### **Tatton Estate Management Helps Residents GROW**

Tatton Estate Management (TEM) has teamed up with local Knutsford charity GROW to offer a brand new educational bursary. Mayor Neil Forbes' chosen charity GROW is run by volunteers and offers a valuable and essential gardening support service to many of Knutsford's elderly and disabled residents.

TEM's commitment to provide a bursary fund will enable green-fingered volunteers to develop their skills and gain Horticulture Diplomas at Reaseheath College. GROW volunteers can qualify for the scheme by attending GROW gardening sessions for four months, after which they can become eligible to tap into the generous bursary fund which will support travel costs and other study expenses.

A spokesperson for Tatton Estate Management said:

"We are excited to be able to offer this bursary scheme and support the brilliant work of GROW. It's great to see people volunteering and we want to support those that want to boost their employment prospects or make a career change."

Debbie Smalldridge Chairman of GROW said:

"We are absolutely delighted that thanks to TEM we will be able to offer an educational bursary to our volunteers. So often our volunteers come to use to gain new skills and experience and want to take it further. With the bursary in place they will be able to take up the challenge and study horticulture at college."

This isn't the first time that TEM has provided support for local charities and good causes: it is currently providing free office space for Cheshire Search and Rescue team, has provided vehicles and refreshments for local litter picks and clean ups and actively supports a range of local sports teams and organisations, including Knutsford Football Club.

Those interested in volunteering for GROW and applying for a bursary should contact Debbie Smalldridge on 07763 208663.