Would you like to help Kew be the global resource for plant knowledge and the world’s leading botanic gardens?

“This year has been remarkable for Kew and has seen the announcement of the Prince of Wales as Patron, the installation of The Hive, a unique structure inspired by scientific research into the health of bees; and the grand unveiling of the Great Broad Walk Borders, the world’s longest double herbaceous borders.

We are looking for applications from candidates with expertise in horticulture who can help to design large, complex projects and help maximise the potential of the gardens.”

Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity

Current recruitment: To complement its existing skills and knowledge the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is seeking a new member with expertise in horticulture, landscape and/or architecture.

Contact: If you have any questions about the appointments process or would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Andrew Morris, Defra Public Appointments Team on 020 802 66562; publicappts@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

About the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew: Kew’s mission is to be the global resource for plant and fungal knowledge, building an understanding of the world’s plants and fungi upon which all our lives depend. We use the power of our science and the rich diversity of our gardens and collections to provide knowledge, inspiration and understanding of why plants and fungi matter to everyone. We want a world where plants and fungi are understood, valued and conserved – because all our lives depend on them.

About Defra: Defra wants Britain to be a great place to live. Our work plays a critical role in the wellbeing of everyone in the country through the creation of healthy environments, a world leading food and farming industry, a thriving rural economy and enhanced protection against floods and animal and plant diseases. Appointing high-calibre people from diverse backgrounds with relevant skills, knowledge and experience to the boards of our public bodies will help us to ensure that our work is more effective, resilient and accountable.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon 3rd January
Interviews will be held at Kew Gardens on 2nd February