Long-Term Lay Resident – Groundskeeper (Male)

From time to time, Amaravati Buddhist Monastery offers a layperson the opportunity to live at the monastery as a long-term resident, with the intention of deepening their understanding and practice of Buddhism within a monastic setting.

Long-term lay residents follow the monastery's daily schedule and routine. This involves participating in the life of the community, including regular periods of meditation, work and communal chores, as well as occasionally attending retreats held at the Amaravati Retreat Centre.

We are looking for a male applicant with suitable practical skills to take responsibility for the general maintenance and appearance of the monastery's extensive grounds. The role also involves looking after grounds maintenance equipment and working alongside volunteers and monastics.

This is a voluntary residential position, available from **April 2027**. Following an initial three-month trial period, the successful applicant may be invited to stay for an initial period of one year.

The role

The role involves a variety of tasks and responsibilities, including:

- Offering approximately 30 hours of service per week.
- Being physically fit and willing to learn new maintenance-related skills.
- Operating grounds maintenance machinery, including ride-on mowers.
- Trimming and brush-cutting.
- Operating walk-behind electric mowers.
- Hedge cutting.
- Cleaning and maintaining equipment and tools.
- Carrying out general grounds maintenance.
- Coordinating and supervising volunteers, both experienced and inexperienced, undertaking basic grounds maintenance.
- Working independently and as part of a team of volunteers and monastics.
- Following and implementing safe working procedures.
- Assisting with some administrative tasks, such as record-keeping and safety documentation.
- Driving, if in possession of a valid UK driving licence.

Eligibility

Applicants must be male and either UK citizens or have the right to live and work in the UK on a long-term basis. This includes those with Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), settled status, or an eligible long-term visa.

How to apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your CV and a covering letter to **groundsliaison@amaravati.org** by **16 March 2027**.

Interviews will take place in April 2027, with a view to appointing the successful applicant shortly afterwards.