

### HOW TO HIRE AND MANAGE THE PERFECT GARDENER FOR YOUR HOLIDAY HOME

Whether your property is a private bolt hole to escape to or operates as a holiday let, you need service providers you can trust to keep on top of things in your absence. This is especially true of the garden; you do not want complaints from guests nor do you want to spend your valuable time weeding when you visit. Use this 5-step guide to help you find and manage the perfect gardener for your holiday home...

#### 1. REACH OUT FOR REFERRALS

Ask your letting agent or cleaning service if they are able to provide a reference to a trusted supplier. Alternatively, reach out to local Facebook or social media groups for the local area and ask for recommendations. Be sure to visit each gardener's website to check out customer reviews and examples of their work.

#### 2. MEET & INTERVIEW

Having shortlisted at least three suppliers, arrange to meet and interview them in person at your property. Your gardener needs to be able to do the job well, but also consider how well they communicate and present themselves. Also, make sure they have sufficient insurance and a "Green Waste Licence".

#### 3. CONFIRM WORKS, SCHEDULE & PRICE

Create a written checklist of the required work, and confirm the regularity of visits and a monthly price. Remember, it is essential that your guests arrive to the garden looking its best and that they are not disturbed during their stay, so be sure to schedule all gardening visits for change-over day.

#### 4. CONTRACT FOR 12-MONTHS

For your peace of mind, we recommend that you draft a binding contract with your chosen supplier for a period of at least 12 months ensuring that all visits are booked in advance and that your garden has contingencies in place should they have to miss visits due to illness or other unforeseen events.

#### **5. REVIEW AFTER EACH VISIT**

Have your gardener provide written details of the work completed following each visit, along with photographs so you can see how things are looking. Make it a condition that your payment will only be made on receipt of this information.



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