

Petersfield Museum Collections Care Volunteer Role Description:

Petersfield Museum is excited to be reopening its doors after its multi-million-pound redevelopment project and is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help support us in realising our vision of telling the story of Petersfield and the surrounding villages, through an excitingly diverse mix of archaeology, art, historic dress, literature, photography, poetry and social history.

Our Collections Care Volunteers will play a vital role in helping to look after and preserve the Museum's unique collections and help share them and their stories with our visitors.

The volunteer role:

As a Petersfield Museum Collections Care Volunteer you will play a central role in helping the Museum's curatorial team to organise, research and care for its extensive collections. The kind of activities you might be involved in could include:

- Organising, documenting and cataloguing collections.
- Getting hands on with object photography, labelling and repacking.
- Carrying out object research on items in the collection.
- Supporting the museum team in carrying out regular environmental monitoring.
- Handling historic material with care and respect.
- Reporting any serious issues, concerns, accidents, and emergencies promptly.
- Taking part in relevant training and championing an inclusive approach in all work.

The support you will give us as a volunteer is of huge benefit to the Museum, and in turn we aim to make sure that you enjoy a valuable and memorable experience.

What we can offer you:

- The opportunity to work within a friendly and supportive team.
- A chance to meet new people and make professional contacts.
- On-the-job training in object handling, collections management or object research, depending on your area of involvement.
- Free entrance to the museum for you and a family member or friend.
- Invitations to special events.
- Shop discount (conditions apply).
- Event discounts (conditions apply).
- Free tea, coffee and biscuits!
- Expenses for car parking (if required).
- New experiences and an opportunity to give something back.

What we're looking for:

- Polite and friendly individuals over the age of 16.
- An interest in museum collections and research.
- Attention to detail and a willingness to learn about and use collections management systems.
- An enthusiasm to develop knowledge of Petersfield Museum and its collections and share this in a positive and lively way.
- Individuals who enjoy working as part of a small, dedicated team.
- A positive attitude and willingness to offer help throughout your volunteering shifts.
- An interest in heritage, costume, art, archaeology or local history.

- An interest in working behind the scenes with museum collections.
- The ability to work as part of a team and be flexible.

Important information about volunteering at Petersfield Museum:

As a Collections Care Volunteer you will have the opportunity to work on a wide range of different projects each with their own time scale and recommended level of commitment.

- The museum day is broken into two shifts, a morning (1000-1330) and afternoon (1330-1700).
- Training will be embedded in the role, and you will work alongside the curatorial team to ensure you feel confident in carrying out the tasks you are involved in.

If you would like to apply for the role of Collections Care Volunteer at Petersfield Museum, please email curator@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk register your interest, with the reference 'Petersfield Museum Collections Care Volunteer' in the subject line and a member of our team will get in touch.