

Study Centre Volunteer Role Description

Petersfield Museum is looking for volunteers to help us welcome visitors into the Edward Thomas Study Centre. This role offers extensive opportunities for research, private study and further learning, not only about Edward Thomas but also literature, history (particularly the First World War), nature, foreign languages and, of course, poetry.

The Edward Thomas Study Centre holds an extensive range of books by and about the poet Edward Thomas. The Study Centre, which is run by the Edward Thomas Fellowship, is open to visitors every Wednesday and Thursday. Outside of these times it is accessible by appointment.

Responsibilities:

- Welcoming the public into the Study Centre during its open days
- Talking to visitors and sharing knowledge with them about Edward Thomas
- Facilitating the opening of the Study Centre for researchers
- Selling of books and notecards on behalf of the Edward Thomas Fellowship
- Helping at Edward Thomas or literary events run by the Museum

Commitment:

Volunteers are welcome to offer as much or as little of their time as they can give, but we do encourage individuals to commit to regular shifts. Our recommended commitment for a Study Centre Volunteer is at least one shift per fortnight (generally 10:00–12:45 or 12:45–15:30, Wednesday – Thursday).

What we're looking for:

- Polite and friendly individuals over the age of 16
- A welcoming approach to working alongside the public
- An enthusiasm to develop knowledge of Edward Thomas and Petersfield Museum 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, history, literature, art or local history