

Conservation Volunteer

Property Name: Mary Arden's Farm

Volunteer Supervisor: House Steward

Why join us?

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is an independent charity which cares for the world's greatest Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford upon Avon, and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of his works, life and times all over the world. Celebrating Shakespeare is at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteer team help us achieve these goals, so join us and help create a wonderful experience for our global audiences.

What will you be up to?

- Working as part of a small dedicated team you will ensure the highest standards of collection care by assisting with the daily preventative conservation cleaning routines at Mary Arden's Farm.
- Assist in the environmental monitoring of the house i.e. monitoring pest activity and light levels.
- Monitor the safety of collections whilst undertaking daily conservation cleaning routines.
- Help to protect Mary Arden's Farm and collections by communicating key conservation messages to visitors.
- Maximise opportunities to engage visitors with the conservation work of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Do you have the skills we are looking for?

- Good people skills with the ability to talk confidently to both individuals & groups.
- Experience in care of collections and object handling is desired but not essential as training will be provided.
- Good IT Skills.
- Good hand-eye coordination and attention to detail.
- Ability to lift and carry objects.
- Ability to work in a busy environment.
- Ability to listen to direction and follow instructions.
- Interest in historic collections, house museums and collections care.
- An appreciation of the importance of preventative conservation.

How often would we like you to volunteer?

A regular commitment of every Wednesday would be ideal.

Length of the volunteering role?

Ongoing

Good to know

- Volunteers to wear own smart clothing in branded colours (red, black, white or grey).
- Volunteer badges will be provided.
- Smoking is not allowed on site.
- Food is not allowed on site.
- Training will be provided as necessary.

Benefits of joining us

- On completion of 20 hours volunteering for the Trust, all volunteers receive a volunteer card giving free entry to SBT properties and a range of discounts.
- Annual service award each February for volunteers who have achieved 200 hours or more of volunteering in the previous year.
- Volunteer celebration days and coffee morning chats will be programmed throughout the year.
- We can provide references.
- We can provide reimbursement of travel expenses only. Maximum of £10 per day.
- You can be involved in our Volunteer Forum; Volunteer Voices.



Have any questions...

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