

Garden Interpretation Volunteer

Department Name: Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Volunteer Supervisor: House Steward for Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Why join us?

To help develop and shape interpretation to engage our visitors with our gardens, gardening projects and wildlife.

What will you be up to?

- To help create a guidebook to aid the interpretation of the gardens at Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Use the exciting information supplied by our gardens team to create a plant list and in-depth focus sheets to provide better information of the garden.
- Conduct research into the history of the gardens and assist with writing information that engages visitors with its history.
- Working with the property House Steward and Education Officer you will assist in the development of activity sheets and spotter guides to highlight the wildlife and plants on site.
- Develop a series of activities that will engage different visitor groups with the work of the Gardens Team and the wildlife on site.
- Where possible promote the works, life and times of Shakespeare through the written interpretation you produce.

Do you have the skills we are looking for?

- Good people skills with the ability to talk confidently to members of staff and volunteers.
- Good written skills, with the ability to conduct research on specific topic.
- Good literacy skills, able to utilise the English language to a high standard both verbally and in writing.
- Able to follow branding and accessibility guidelines.
- The ability to listen to careful instruction.
- The ability to comply with health and safety regulations, taking care of your own and visitor's health and safety at all times.
- Good design and IT skills, confident in the use of Microsoft Word.
- Basic photography skills will be a bonus!

How often would we like you to volunteer?

A commitment of 1 day a week would be ideal. Any 1 day from Tuesday-Thursday.

Length of the volunteering role?

6 weeks ideally

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 permitted inside the cottage however water with a sports cap is permitted.
- 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

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Have any questions...

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