

## Conservation Volunteer

Department Name: Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Volunteer Supervisor: House Steward and Conservation and Engagement Supervisor

### Why join us?

In this role you will assist the House Steward and Conservation and Engagement Supervisor in the daily care and preventative conservation routines at Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Through this role you will gain knowledge and experience in preventative conservation, customer services, interpretation and site operations in a busy heritage environment. Throughout your time here there may be opportunity to develop and undertake your own individual conservation projects.

### 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 preventive conservation cleaning routines at the cottage.
- Assist in larger conservation projects during our annual deep clean of the cottage and its collection. Typical tasks include waxing floors, dusting high and low, and cleaning small and delicate objects.
- Assist in the environmental monitoring of the house i.e. monitoring pests, light levels and relative humidity.
- Learn how to monitor and record the condition of collections.
- Assist in correctly packing and moving objects.
- Helping to protect the houses 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?

- An interest in historic collections and museums and collections care.
- An appreciation of the importance of preventative conservation.
- Good people skills with the ability to talk confidently to both individuals & groups.
- Good IT skills would be a bonus!
- Good hand-eye coordination and attention to detail.
- Ability to lift and carry objects.
- Ability to work in a busy and cold environment.
- Ability to listen to direction and follow instructions.
- Ability to spend periods of time kneeling, and the ability to work at height.

### How often would we like you to volunteer?

A regular commitment of one morning or afternoon every week/fortnight, with Wednesday mornings and Thursdays being preferred. If you are interested in the role but cannot commit to these particular days, please contact us and let us know your availability as we may still be able to accommodate you.

### Length of the volunteering role?

From now until the end of January 2019.

### Good to know

- Volunteers to wear own practical, comfortable and warm clothing, in SBT brand colours (black, white, grey and red). Sensible shoes should be worn.
- Volunteer badges will be provided.
- Smoking is not allowed on site.
- Food and drink 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.



***Have any questions...***

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