

Summer Conservation Volunteer

Property Name: Shakespeare's Birthplace

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 assist with the daily preventive conservation cleaning routines.
- To follow a programme of conservation tasks within the houses.
- To condition check collections and replicas displayed within the house.
- Engaging with the public about conservation work.
- Internal and external conservation cleaning - weather dependant!
- Assist the House Steward in correctly moving and packing objects.
- Assisting in maintaining accurate records and inventories.
- Assist in the environmental monitoring of the house i.e. monitoring pest, relative humidity and light levels.

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
- Ability to work inside, but also outside on occasion.
- Good hand-eye coordination skills 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 commitment of one day per week would be great. Ideally on Tuesdays 8.30am - 12.30 pm. Other times or shorter volunteering hours can be discussed.

Length of the volunteering role?

May until October

Good to know

- Volunteers to wear their own comfortable clothing (black, grey, white or red)
- Volunteer badges and Conservation Uniform will be provided.
- Smoking is not allowed on site.
- Food and drink is not allowed within the houses, only in designated areas, such as the staffroom.
- 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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