

### Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Gardens

**Role Title:** Historic Costumier  
**Reports to:** House Steward

**Purpose of role:** To research, design and create historical costumes for our guiding team. This role would ideally suit someone who is passionate about history and enthusiastic about engaging our visitors. Through this role you will gain knowledge of the history of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Gardens and assist in bringing this history to life

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Research, design and make historical costumes
- Working as part of a small dedicated team, you will engage our visitors with the broad history of Anne Hathaway's Cottage.
- Maximise opportunities to engage visitors with the history of the cottage and the works, life and times of Shakespeare.
- Working as part of the Operations Team you will ensure every visitor has an engaging and enjoyable visit.

#### **Requirements / skills:**

- An interest in the works, life and time of Shakespeare
- Good sewing skills, with the ability to design and create costumes from a broad period in history
- Access to a sewing machine and the ability to work with different types of supplied materials
- Enthusiasm for developing your own skills, knowledge and experience in the heritage/museum sector
- Enthusiasm for the works of Shakespeare and his works, life and times
- Ability to work as part of a small team

#### **Commitment:**

A commitment to work to deadlines for events would assist us in planning.

**Length of project or placement:**

Ongoing; with seasonal fluctuations.

**Administration points:**

- Volunteers to wear own comfortable clothing in Shakespeare Birthplace Trust branded colours; black/dark grey trousers or skirt and white/black/red or grey top.
- Volunteer badges and branded clothing will be provided.
- Smoking is not allowed on site.
- Food is not allowed in exhibition areas and is only permitted in designated areas on the site.

**Benefits of volunteering:**

- On completion of 20 hours volunteering for the Trust, all volunteers receive an updated volunteer card giving free entry to SBT properties and a range of discounts.
- There will be an annual service award each year for volunteers who have achieved 200 hours or more of volunteering in the previous year. This will be acknowledged by a lapel pin and certificate.
- Volunteer celebrations days and coffee morning chats will be programmed throughout the year.

**Authorised by: Emma King**

**Title: Volunteer and Community Outreach Officer**

**Date: January 2017**