



Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust Volunteer Role: Volunteering Lead

Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust (the Trust) is looking for a volunteer Volunteering Lead to help lead the organisation into its exciting new future.

Established in 1974, the Trust has been responsible for the rescue of many historic buildings throughout Derbyshire. Using their skills and knowledge, members of the Trust identify neglected and abandoned historic buildings and then work to bring them back into new sustainable use.

The objectives of the Trust are to undertake or support restoration projects for historic buildings within the county; to deliver learning projects to help acknowledge the value of historic buildings and to provide technical advice to those responsible for historic buildings.

To support these objectives, the Trust will fundraise, deliver and organise events, communicate with the Friends of the Trust and undertake surveys.

In 2022 the Trust secured £667,000 of funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to complete their flagship project at the Grade II* listed Wingfield Station near Alfreton. This followed a successful phase of urgent repair works, primarily funded by Historic England. The Trust has a pipeline of future projects requiring attention and are aiming to undertake a visual survey of over 8,000 listed buildings in Derbyshire and the Peak District. In 2018 the Trust launched their Architectural Awards to help promote all the best in Derbyshire's architectural heritage.

The Trust is a non-profit organisation and a registered charity. There are currently eight Trustees on the Board. All trustee roles are voluntary positions. The Trust seeks a volunteer Volunteering Lead to join the team at this exciting time.

Volunteering with the Trust will provide a challenging, rewarding and enjoyable opportunity to assist/volunteer with the Trust and you will play an important role in shaping its future as part of the Governance team.

Website: www.derbyshirehistoricbuildingstrust.org.uk

Socials: @dhbtrust and find us on LinkedIn

What's involved?

To support our charitable activity the Trust are looking to recruit a volunteer Volunteering Lead to support volunteer development. The role will be within our Governance Team, and you will work collaboratively with them and our wider stakeholders to help the Trust manage and develop our network of volunteers.

The role will involve:

- Supporting the creation of volunteer policies and procedures, including risk assessments
- Liaising with the Trust's various teams to help generate appropriate volunteering opportunities and role descriptions based on the needs of the organisation
- Supporting the promotion of volunteering through recruitment and publicity strategies and campaigns
- Supporting volunteer monitoring and assistance
- Keeping up to date with legislation and policies relating to volunteering and recommending modifications/changes as required
- Supporting profile raising events to attract new volunteers

You will be invited to the Trust's Board meetings, which are held four to five times per year and are generally held in the mornings between 10am-1pm. You will also be expected to attend at least four volunteer meetings with the Governance Team each year. These are likely to be a mix of in-person and virtual meetings.

What are the Trust's aims and objectives?

1. Safeguarding the historic buildings we treasure

Ensuring Derbyshire's historic buildings are maintained in good condition for the benefit of current and future generations. Locating all 'buildings at risk' through a county-wide, community-led, survey.

2. Creatively reusing buildings no longer fit for purpose

Where necessary, intervening, with the support of the community, to rescue 'buildings at risk' by acting as a catalyst, enabler, partner or developer in order to restore them to a viable active use.

3. Helping people to live or work in their historic buildings

Encouraging every historic building owner in Derbyshire to be a good custodian of their heritage.

4. Increasing people's access to, and enjoyment of, their heritage

Increasing public awareness of our built heritage through community involvement, interpretation, education and training.

What skills and experience do I need?

- Experience of managing or coordinating volunteers
- Good communication skills
- Empathy with volunteers and an understanding of their needs
- Good organisational skills
- A willingness to keep up to date with legislation and policy relating to volunteering
- Time, enthusiasm, and energy to devote to the Trust on a voluntary basis

What could I get out of volunteering with the Trust?

- Build a good understanding of the heritage sector
- Gain new experiences and meet new people
- Shape how the Trust operates across Derbyshire
- Use your influence for the benefit of the built historic environment
- Priority access to DHBT events and a regular e-newsletter

How to find out more:

In the first instance please contact Lucy Godfrey for further information:
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