

Become a Collections Care Volunteer

Fixed term project

Get up close with our archives and behind the scenes access to our object stores! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Curatorial Team to preserve our internationally significant collection.



About the River & Rowing Museum

The River & Rowing Museum inspires escape and exploration, telling the many stories of the River Thames and celebrating the wildlife that calls it home. Beyond its beautiful riverside location in Henley on Thames and award-winning building, the Museum's doors open onto art, history, conservation, and the international sport of rowing.

The Museum cares for over 25,000 objects, including items of national and international significance, covering the themes of; the international sport of rowing, Henley on Thames, the River Thames, the classic children's book *The Wind in the Willows*, and the Modern British artist John Piper. Highlights include: the boat Sir Steve Redgrave won his fifth consecutive gold medal in at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000; John Piper's 'String Solo', 1934; a 12th century log boat; a gold coin hoard dating to the Iron Age; and Jan Siberechts' 1698 oil painting, 'Henley from the Wargrave Road'. Find out more at rrm.co.uk

What you will be doing:

Lend a hand with preventative conservation in the main object store. Activities will include:

- Carry out object condition checks.
- Undertake object handling and cleaning.
- Document collections in Excel and Vernon CMS collections database.

Training and equipment:

- Training in object handling, manual handling, preventative conservation, working with mould, object cleaning, and ladder use.
- PPE including FFP3 mask with filter, Tyvek suit, Tyvek overshoes, nitrile gloves will be supplied and must be worn at all times when working in the store.
- Volunteers will be trained and work on object cleaning and documenting the collections.

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This would be a great opportunity for someone who...

- Has keen attention to detail
- Is interested in museum collections and working behind the scenes with range of material.
- Is looking to develop and apply knowledge and skills in collections care and management.
- Is looking to gain experience of the heritage and culture sector.
- Enjoys being part of a team.

Our great volunteer benefits can be found on our website: www.rrm.co.uk/about/volunteers/

Required hours:

The project will run on 3 half days per week, provisionally for **16 weeks from June 2021** with two volunteers at each session. Volunteering sessions will take place at either 9.30-12.30 or 1.30-4.30 and will be supported and supervised by the Senior Curator. We ask a minimum commitment of 2 sessions per month, with the ideal commitment being 1-2 sessions per week.

Travelling to us:

The Museum is accessible by train, bus and car. Volunteers can use the Museum's car park during their sessions. **The secure store is a five minute walk from the Museum.**

How to get involved:

Download and complete the **Volunteer Enquiry Form** from rrm.co.uk. Email your completed form to Juliet Harris, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at volunteering@rrm.co.uk or send it to **Volunteering, The River & Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 1BF.**

If you have any questions regarding volunteering with us please email volunteering@rrm.co.uk or call **01491 415 600.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Covid-19

The River & Rowing Museum has achieved the Visit England *Good to Go Mark* ensuring we are a Covid-19 secure environment. Volunteers will be provided with appropriate training.

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