
JARROW HALL EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY VOLUNTEER

JOB TITLE	Experimental Archaeology Volunteer
REPORTS TO	Volunteer Coordinator
LOCATION	Jarrow Hall, Church Bank, NE32 3DY
DURATION	Ongoing

WHY WE WANT YOU

Our Experimental Archaeology volunteers bring life to our fascinating Anglo-Saxon Village by carrying out experimental research on specific aspects of Anglo-Saxon Archaeology and showcasing their research in demonstrations to the public.

They contribute to the academic profile of our museum's experimental research and, at the same time, are able to demonstrate different skills and share their knowledge of Anglo-Saxon archaeology to entertain and educate the different visitors who come to Jarrow Hall, making sure they have an experience they will remember and encouraging them to return.

As a volunteer at Jarrow Hall you will be entitled to certain benefits in return for your time. As a key part of the team you will be expected to play a proactive and dynamic role alongside your fellow volunteers and staff to ensure that Jarrow Hall builds and maintains a reputation as one of the finest, most welcoming and best loved venues in the region and beyond.

IS THIS ROLE FOR YOU?

As an Experimental Archaeology Volunteer you have a great opportunity to acquire experience in doing research in an experimental archaeological open-air museum (EAOAM), which is a member of EXARC (international network for experimental archaeology), welcoming and engaging with our visitors in our fascinating Anglo-Saxon "village". This role would be ideally suited to people who:

- Have a passion for Experimental Archaeology, ancient technology
- Have knowledge of or interest in Anglo-Saxon Archaeology, or are keen to learn more about it
- Enjoy talking to people and providing information and are confident at communicating with a lot of different people and sharing their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm
- Would like to be able to demonstrate different skills and activities to visitors
- Wants to work in a friendly team with other staff and volunteers

KEY TASKS

Living History Volunteer Responsibilities

- Support the museum's research in Experimental Archaeology
- Provide a warm welcome to visitors, encourage them to engage with the resources available; be happy to answer questions and give information about our site and activities
- Demonstrate different skills and ancient techniques and be able to give short talks on our experimental research and projects.
- Ensure that the experimental areas, storage facilities and tools are set up correctly, and that any resources used are tidied away at the end of the shift
- Ensure that tools, objects and displays in the experimental areas are safe and secure during opening hours
- Support Group Tour bookings and educational activities as required
- Working within all Jarrow Hall Health and Safety procedures as appropriate
- Assist other volunteers and staff across the site when needed

General Volunteer Responsibilities

- Demonstrate integrity, honesty, and knowledge to promote our culture, values and mission.
- Keep up to date with events and activities on-site so you can share your knowledge with our visitors and provide a high standard of visitor welcome and care.
- Proactively engage visitors to inform, delight and encourage support as appropriate.
- Deal with any visitor issues efficiently and politely, redirecting as appropriate.
- Be an ambassador for Jarrow Hall, the local area and the UK.

Other Responsibilities

- Commit to a minimum of 1 shift per week of 4 hours or more between 09.30 and 16.30 during opening days which vary.
- Follow all instruction and policy both outlined at induction and introduced in the future.
- Undertake training and development as required across areas including but not limited to historical and site knowledge, safeguarding, health and safety.
- Any other duties as reasonably requested to fulfil the objectives of Jarrow Hall and Groundwork.

Support and Training

All necessary training and background information needed to fulfil the role will be provided.

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