

BECKFORD'S TOWER AND MUSEUM

What is a Gardening and Landscape Volunteer?

Our Gardening and Landscape Volunteers will assist with practical conservation activities to conserve and restore the paddocks and to increase biodiversity of its green spaces. The activities will vary depending on the season; examples include management of wildflower meadows, scrub clearance and footpath maintenance.

We are looking for people with a friendly and flexible approach who will enjoy a varied and busy role.

Volunteers will receive an induction and training to enable you to undertake the responsibilities of the role. Through the new layered interpretation, the Tower and Beckford's story will be identified and explained with authenticity, integrity and sensitivity. We will require all our volunteers to address the subjects of transatlantic slavery and sexuality with openness.



What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting new people, this is a very sociable volunteer role
- Be outside
- Learn new skills and participate in conservation work, like dry stone walling
- Taking part in a programme of social events
- Opportunity to be trained on giving 'Landscape Tours' (only if you feel comfortable)
- Opportunity to participate in the Volunteer Development Programme
- Receive free entry into Bath Preservation Trust museums after 6 months and have access to the Tower library

What's involved?

- Scrub clearance
- Grass cutting and raking
- Seed gathering, propagation and plug planting
- Hedge laying and coppicing
- Tree and shrub care
- Habitat management and species identification

- Foot path maintenance
- Litter picking
- Becoming familiar with and then following Bath Preservation Trust’s Health and Safety Policy at all times
- Giving any other appropriate assistance in relation to the role as may be reasonably requested

Extra information

Your place	Beckford’s Tower and Museum
Time commitment	Minimum one shift per month and minimum 3 months commitment
Reporting to	Marie Brewer, Learning and Engagement Officer
Expenses	Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance

How to apply Please send an email to our Learning and Engagement Officer mbrewer@bptrust.org.uk or phone 01225 460705.

About Bath Preservation Trust



Bath Preservation Trust was founded in 1934 as a small pressure group, with the object of protecting the city’s unique architectural heritage. Its first action was to fight plans to pull down parts of the picturesque Georgian city of Bath, England, to make way for a new road. The road was never built. Since this victory, the Trust has saved hundreds more listed buildings from demolition, and has successfully confronted many similar threats to the city. Today the Trust has approximately 1,400 subscribing members from the UK and overseas supporting its work.

The Trust exists *“to preserve for the benefit of the public the historic character and amenities of the City of Bath and its surroundings”*. In a City with such a wealth of heritage there are inevitably difficult challenges to be faced in reconciling the demands of a modern thriving City alongside the exceptional level of conservation care demanded in a World Heritage Site. The 21st Century has brought with it the added pressures of encroachment to the City’s green belt setting. The role and influence of the Trust is needed as much now as ever before.

The Trust is also a major provider in the tourist and domestic economy as it owns and runs museums and educational activities at No. 1 Royal Crescent, The Countess of Huntingdon’s Chapel, Beckford’s Tower and the Herschel Museum of Astronomy, all of which have been restored by the Trust and provide a valuable resource for the city’s residents and its visitors.

The Bath Preservation Trust is an independent charity, registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales, and is a company limited by guarantee. It has a voluntary Chairman and board of Trustees, approximately ten permanent staff and 1,400 subscribing members. With prudent management the Trust is financially self-sufficient and independent of any controlling agency; a unique position for a heritage organization to hold within the UK.

Find out more: Contact us via the details available on our website or mbrewer@bptrust.org.uk 01225 460705.



This is a voluntary role, so it isn't legally binding or a contract.