

Give something back...volunteer in heritage!

Role

Somerset Routes Website Volunteer

Description

This role involves maintaining and updating the Somerset Routes heritage tourism website and promoting events and activities at heritage sites across Somerset via social media.

About Somerset Routes

Somerset Routes is an online directory of 120 heritage sites in Somerset and North Somerset. It promotes events and exhibitions as well as sharing good news stories about heritage and museums. It is run in partnership between Somerset Heritage Service, part of Somerset County Council and the Museums in Somerset group. Visit www.somersetroutes.co.uk.

You

This role is perfect for people who:

- are interested in history and heritage and are looking for opportunities to support museums' work;
- are interested in developing their knowledge and experience of using websites and social media;
- are looking for volunteer opportunities but have limited time to give due to work, school or family commitments;
- have difficulty travelling and want to work from home;
- are over 16 years of age.

Tasks

Your main tasks will include:

- Sourcing events and news stories from heritage sites across Somerset by emailing sites directly or using the internet for research;
- Adding events and news stories to the Somerset Routes website;
- Promoting events and news stories via the Somerset Routes social media channels.

Skills Required

- Good verbal and written English skills;
- Good level of computer literacy;
- Ability to use social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube;
- Some background knowledge or using and editing websites would be desirable, but not essential.



Support

Your main contact will be the Museum Development Officer for Somerset County Council, Natalie Watson. A full induction will be provided and you will be trained on all areas that will help you fulfil your role.

Hours

This role will require several hours of work spread over a week, but these can be done during the daytime or evening. The amount of work on the website needed will fluctuate depending upon the time of year and backlog. The website is an ongoing project.

Location

This role can be performed from home and does not require travel. You will need to have access to a computer, have an internet connection and email.

To apply

You can download an application form at <http://somersetroutes.co.uk/page/volunteering/26/>. Alternatively you can request one by email or post by contacting the Museum Development Officer Natalie Watson at nawatson@somerset.gov.uk or by ringing 01823 347454.

