

## Volunteer Role Description

Museums Northumberland is a charity providing Northumberland's Museum Service. Our vision is to: *share Northumberland's stories to connect, enrich and inspire.*

**Role Title:** Historical Photography Volunteer

**Description:** to aid in the research and delivery of a historical photography display

**Where:** Berwick-upon-Tweed

**When:** May to October 2024

**Supported by:** Community Connector

## Role Purpose

To support our Community Connector in designing and delivering a photography display in an un-let shop window on Berwick high street. This display will be about Berwick's salmon fishing heritage and related traditions, such as the Tweed Salmon Queen procession.

## Personal Qualities and Experience

Museums Northumberland volunteers are friendly and approachable. They understand the needs of visitors.

Some experience of undertaking research is useful for this role, but not essential. An interest in local history of key.

All volunteers must be willing to work within organisational guidelines and follow our policies.

## Activities

- Research possible images
- Learn about salmon fishing history
- Visit the archive and/or search online
- Write draft text to describe images
- Get involved in designing the display
- Help put the display in the shop
- Other tasks as asked from the Community Connector

## **Volunteering For Museums Northumberland**

Volunteers make an integral contribution to Museums Northumberland, supporting many different aspects of our work from the delivery of events and learning activities to collections management.

Their commitment and enthusiasm is appreciated across the organisation, and in return we are committed to providing a diverse range of meaningful and enjoyable volunteer opportunities.

As a Museums Northumberland volunteer, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about local history
- Be part of a friendly team
- Create something for the community
- Give back to the local area
- Be supported in your role
- Access training, as appropriate

## **Applications**

To apply for this Volunteer Role, please complete the Volunteer Application Form and return by email to [RCooper@museumsnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:RCooper@museumsnorthumberland.org.uk).

## **Additional Information**

Museums Northumberland is rooted in its community and proud to serve the county of Northumberland. We're the custodians of significant and diverse collections housed within four unique historic sites. Two of our collections are of international importance; the Pitman Painters - the first collection of amateur art to be displayed permanently; and the Berwick-upon-Tweed Burrell Collection - the Northumbrian portion of the most significant private donation in Europe.

Our sites and collections testify to key moments in world history and represent Northumberland's role in shaping the world. Hexham Old Gaol is England's first purpose-built prison, Berwick upon Tweed Museum and Art Gallery is housed in the Clock Block of England's first planned Barracks, Morpeth Chantry contains the UK's first Bagpipe Museum and

Woodhorn Museum's colliery is a Scheduled Ancient Monument within what was once Europe's largest coalfield.

Find out more: [www.museumsnorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.museumsnorthumberland.org.uk).

## **Useful Links**

<https://www.facebook.com/Tweedsalmonqueen/>

<https://www.berwickfriends.org.uk/history/north-northumberlands-industrial-heritage/salmon-fishing-in-berwick-upon-tweed/>