

# Volunteer role description:

## Conservation volunteer

### What is a Conservation volunteer?

Conservation volunteers help Folkestone Museum care for its collection – keeping our objects in the best condition so they can be enjoyed for years to come.

They are responsible for important conservation requirements, including:

- monitoring relative humidity and temperature in the galleries and museum stores
- checking light levels
- checking for pests
- completing object condition checks
- compiling conservation priority lists
- creating conservation records
- packing of objects in appropriate acid-free archival materials
- simple cleaning of objects
- explaining the important role of conservation at museum events
- assisting professional conservators working on artefacts at the museum
- supervising the public in basic cleaning of objects at ‘conservation in action’ events
- the safe movement of artefacts inside and outside the museum

Volunteers will be based at Folkestone Museum, supervised by the Curator and members of the museum team.

### What’s in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Satisfaction in helping preserve Folkestone’s heritage
- Passing on your knowledge to other people
- Developing work-related learning skills in collections care, preventative conservation and public engagement
- Learning about Folkestone history and sharing it with our visitors

### What’s involved?

- Learning about conservation techniques
- Working with the museum’s collection
- Preparing objects for exhibition and display
- Helping out at museum events
- Using computers for monitoring and to complete conservation records

### **This role will suit people who**

- Have an interest in history and heritage
- Work well in a team or individually
- Have attention to detail
- Are interested in science
- Are computer literate or wish to become so

### **EXTRA INFORMATION**

#### **Your place of work**

Folkestone Museum

#### **Time commitment**

We appreciate any time you are able to give and this role allows for some flexibility. We ask that people volunteer for two sessions a month, although this can vary if required.

#### **Volunteer Manager**

This role will be managed by the Curator of Folkestone Museum.

#### **Staff contact**

As above.

#### **Training/Resources**

- Folkestone Museum induction
- Health and safety induction
- Role specific training

#### **DBS check**

A DBS check is required for this role.