

Volunteers at the Priest's House Museum give more than 10,000 hours of their time each year.

Their energy and enthusiasm is a real support to our work and we value every hour that is volunteered.

If you would like to discover more about helping your local museum and the benefits of volunteering for you, drop us an email or give us a call.

To find out more drop us an email, give us a call or fill in your contact details below and leave in the museum shop.

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Volunteering



Giving your time

Volunteers of all ages currently give their time to the Priest's House Museum. They perform a variety of roles: welcoming visitors, room stewards, serving refreshments, guides, learning assistants, collections management, exhibitions and research, and gardening are just some.

They are all contributing to the preservation and interpretation of East Dorset's rich heritage. Their energy and enthusiasm brings the past to life, making it relevant for us all today. Some will be making use of skills they already have, while others are taking the opportunity to learn something new.



Learning for all

For anyone looking for a change of direction, volunteering is an excellent way to develop new skills in a supportive environment.

The museum welcomes nearly 3,000 school children a year studying subjects as diverse as the Victorians and the Second World War. Volunteers deliver a varied programme of activities, inspiring the younger generation.

With over 35,000 objects to look after, collections management is a vital role. It also helps to develop IT skills, observational and research skills, and record keeping.

Customer care is essential when working in the museum shop, and the tearoom offers the chance to learn about hospitality. Joining our gardening team and looking after our beautiful walled garden, is an introduction to horticulture and the importance of working as a team.



New friends

Volunteering is a great way to make new friends with similar interests. As a thank you for all their hard work and enthusiasm, the museum organises a summer garden party and a Christmas get-together. A newsletter keeps them up-to-date with what is happening at the museum, and they are also offered a discount on talks and social events held by the Friends of the Priest's House Museum.

The museum supports its volunteers every step of the way by offering training and mentoring. Volunteers can give as much or as little time as they would like.

