



Abbeydale Historic Site Maintenance Volunteer Role

Purpose of the role:

This volunteer role is part of *Embrace Abbeydale*, a two-year project to make a series of improvements at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. You can find out more about *Embrace Abbeydale* [here](#).

One of our goals through *Embrace Abbeydale* is to expand the ways that volunteers can support this industrial heritage site. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet has been a water-powered site since the 1500s. It currently has four working water wheels and the only steam engine still on its original bedplate in Sheffield. We are looking for volunteers to work on the historic site buildings to restore and conserve the fabric of the buildings and infrastructure. This opportunity is ideal for volunteers with a background in joinery and woodwork, painting and decorating and/or a building industry background.

Where will you be volunteering?

You will be based at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

What will you be doing?

- You will be a practical hands-on member of a team on site at Abbeydale working on the fabric of the site's buildings.
- Helping to strip and re-paint the timber aspects of the buildings and light masonry repairs.
- Helping to repair timber aspects of the site's doors, windows and shutters.
- Helping with cleaning, re-organising and maintaining the historic displays and industrial objects. This might involve basic conservation tasks such as de-rusting and waxing.

What's in it for me?

You will gain:



- Hands-on experience working with our industrial collections and historic buildings.
- A working knowledge of our maintenance procedures.
- A chance to support and be part of our Historic Engineering team.
- An opportunity to spend time on our historic heritage site.
- Meeting like-minded people and being a member of an enthusiastic and knowledgeable team.
- Learning more about and helping to directly support Sheffield Museums' charitable work.
- Access to a range of social and networking opportunities with other volunteers and staff.
- Training and support will be given to all volunteers taking up this role.
- You can claim back out-of-pocket transport expenses up to a max of £5.60 for public transport, or 45p per mile if driving a car, per day.

What skills will I need?

- You will need some experience in the fields of joinery or carpentry, painting and decorating, or building trades. This could be vocational experience or developed through your other interests.
- Hands-on transferable skills in either woodworking or engineering.
- You will need to enjoy getting hands-on and getting your hands dirty working on our buildings and historic exhibits.
- You will need to have a healthy appreciation for the health and safety implications of manual work.
- Training and guidance will be provided before any job starts.
- You will need to be happy to work in a team and follow instructions carefully.
- Reliable and trustworthy.
- Flexibility around your availability is a bonus.

When can I volunteer?

Generally speaking this volunteering will take place on Wednesdays or Thursdays, but the day of the week may vary due to engineer rota considerations. There would be an expectation that you would volunteer on one session/day a week. Session times will be 9.30am-3.30pm including a break for lunch, but there is some flexibility with this. This role is planned for a three-month period and there is a possibility this could be extended. The start date for volunteers new to the team is scheduled for mid July. There will be an initial induction session on the afternoon of



Monday 14 July at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. If you can't make this date, please let us know and we will arrange an alternative.

How can I get involved?

We are looking for 4 volunteers for the first run of this project. Contact us to express your interest in this role at volunteering@sheffieldmuseums.org.uk. Please email us 150 - 200 words about why you would be right for this exciting new opportunity. Please contact Ruth at Volunteering@sheffieldmuseums.org.uk with any questions about the role. Thank you.

To make sure we are recruiting volunteers with the skills and experience to help with this project, we may undertake an informal selection process which will include a meeting or a phone call with one of our Historic Engineering team.

Accessibility Information

Accessibility information for the site is online here:

- [Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet](#)

If you have any accessibility-related questions, please get in touch with our team at volunteering@sheffieldmuseums.org.uk, thanks.