

### **What is an Archive and Research Volunteer?**

Research volunteers work closely with the Mansion team to help us continue to improve the way that we care for the archive in the Mansion and add to our knowledge. They help us to gather information and answer enquiries about The Mansion, the Egerton family and Tatton Park. Volunteer support will include archive research and oral history collection outside Tatton, as well research within the collections held in the house.

### **What's in it for you?**

- Develop your communication and engagement skills and get the chance to work with a diverse range of people.
- Develop your research and analytical skills, including learning about family history and handling historic documents.
- Learn more about the history of Tatton Park and the people who shaped it.
- Help to ensure the preservation of knowledge for future generations.

### **What's involved?**

- Assist with the provision of information and research requirements to meet our key audiences' needs. Help to answer enquiries from the general public.
- Work collaboratively with other Archives and Research Volunteers by sharing priorities and information.
- Help us to promote and explain the Tatton Park and Egerton family story to our local audience.
- Provide feedback to the Tatton Park team on information issues and concerns which need to be better communicated.
- Be involved with other activities where we could use your help

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

- Live in the area, have an interest in historical research, information retrieval and dissemination, family history and social history.
- Want to support the work of the Mansion team at Tatton Park.
- Are confident and effective communicators who will present Tatton Park in a professional way and enjoy working with a broad range of people from different backgrounds.
- Are able to cooperate with other teams and have good research skills.

## **Extra Information**

**Your Place** Tatton Park/ Home/Research Venues e.g. Knutsford Heritage Centre, Cheshire Record Office, the Cheshire East Library Service.

**Time Commitment** Flexible

### **Volunteer Manager**

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### **What your need to wear/**

**Bring** Warm work clothes, and packed lunch.

### **Training/Resources**

An induction, training events, an annual volunteer celebration event plus an ongoing development programme linked to a volunteers specific role, skills and targets.

### **Expenses**

Please see Expense Guidance in the Volunteer Handbook

### **About**

Tatton Park is one of the North West's largest attractions, 850,000 visitors per year. The 2,000 acre estate incorporates a diverse range of habitats, landscapes and visitor opportunities. From deer park, SSSI mere and veteran woodland to gardens, a rare breed farm, Tudor Hall, Historic Mansion and large children's playarea, there really is something for everyone

Working with the Mansion Team you will help maintain standards of collection care and information.

**This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract**