



Tatton Park

Volunteer Role Profile

Learning and Interpretation Volunteer

About the 'Field to Fork' Project

'Field to Fork' is a ground breaking project which will reposition Tatton Park's Farm from a young family-orientated petting farm to an innovative heritage-centered attraction. It will transform the experience of visiting and ensure the long term conservation and sustainability of one of the country's most complete industrial farms. The result will enable the farm to attract a greater number of visitors and engage a wider range of audiences with the architectural, agricultural, technological and socio cultural heritage which will be uncovered. The project involves a capital works programme, including opening up buildings such as the agricultural feed mill and restoring its machinery, with new cutting edge heritage interpretation design and high quality learning and participation programmes. The field to fork story will engage people with contemporary issues of farming, food and healthy eating, through an appreciation of the heritage of Tatton's Farm and how this links to how the food we eat today is produced.

What is a Learning and Interpretation Volunteer?

The Learning and Interpretation Volunteer will support the delivery of a varied education programme at the Farm. We want to assist visitors (of any age and background) to get the most out of visiting the site and support them with making the connections between what they see, the history of farming and agriculture, where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating. The main aim of the Learning and Interpretation volunteer is to help us bring the field to fork story to life through drama/interactive participative learning techniques and offer an educational experience that is engaging and memorable for all those who participate in it.

What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to understand how learning activities and events are developed and delivered in a heritage environment
- The opportunity to shape a visitor's experience of the site and inspire them to want to learn more
- To be part of an award winning and dynamic education department with a strong reputation both in the local area and further afield
- Experience to add to a CV
- Be involved in supporting the delivery of a major innovative project at a unique heritage property

- Develop your communication and engagement skills and get the chance to work with a diverse range of people
- Gain a greater understanding of some of the issues faced by Tatton's Farm and help us address them
- Make a real difference to your local community by helping us to communicate and engage more effectively with our local audiences
- Be part of a friendly and dedicated team (including the farm rare breed animals!) who really care about making a difference and leaving a lasting legacy

What's involved?

- Working with visitors to interpret the site and bring the field to fork story to life
- To impart information about Tatton's Farm and its history to general visitors and organised group visits
- The opportunity to share a passion for history, agricultural heritage (including rare breed animals), food and healthy eating with a diverse range of people
- Adapting content of interpretation to suit the requirements of the visiting group- in terms of age, ability, background knowledge etc.

This role will suit people who...

- 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
- Have a passion for history, agricultural heritage, food and healthy eating and want to share this with visitors
- Have a flexible approach to work
- Wish to develop new skills and/or build on current experience
- Enjoy working with the public, including both adults and children
- Wish to be part of an exciting new project with a dynamic team of staff

Extra information

Your place The Farm at Tatton Park

Time commitment One day a week, Tuesday to Sunday

Volunteer Managers Jayne Chapman (Farm Manager)

Volunteer Development Manager Ian Barlow

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 Should out-of-pocket travel costs between home and

volunteering place become a significant barrier to an individual taking up or continuing to volunteer, the Volunteer Manager has the discretion to award payment of reasonable travel expenses within an allotted budget on an exceptional basis. Other reasonable expenses will be agreed in advance.

About Tatton Park

Tatton Park, is a large country estate in Cheshire and one of the UK's most complete historic estates. Tatton was bequeathed to the National Trust by the Egerton family in 1958 and is now financed and maintained by Cheshire East Council under a 99 year lease from November 1960. Tatton is home to a Tudor Old Hall, Neo-Classical Mansion, 50 acres of landscaped gardens, a rare-breed farm and 1,000 acres of deer park. It has significant conservation assets and nationally important collections and welcomes over 800,000 regional, national and international visitors every year.

Tatton also provide facilities for meetings, functions and celebrations, including a thriving weddings business, a wide choice of shopping and dining options as well as two adventure playgrounds, camping facilities, cycling, horse riding, fishing and sailing. Tatton hosts a varied programme of over 100 events each year ranging from adult learning courses and education activities for 15,000 children, motor shows, historical re-enactments and nationally recognised events such as the RHS Flower Show.

Tatton Park delivers over £8.8m net output p.a. to the local economy, is the second largest paid for attraction in Cheshire, the 4th largest in the North West and 16th in the top twenty paid for visitor attractions in the UK. In 2014 it was awarded Best Large Visitor Attraction in England by Visit England and it has won several Green flag and Sandford educational awards over recent years.

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