

What is an Exhibition Volunteer?

In 2026 the Mansion at Tatton Park is hosting an exciting and innovative exhibition inspired by two Canaletto paintings within the collection. '*Beyond the View*' explores the story of one of Tatton's eighteenth-century owners Samuel Egerton, who in 1729 made the thousand-mile journey by land and sea to his first job in Venice, the most vibrant, hedonistic and culturally dynamic city in the world. Apprenticed to the influential art dealer Joseph Smith, he found himself at the heart of a pivotal period in the early career of one of the most celebrated artists of all time, Canaletto.

The exhibition also includes installations by the artistic group Peut Porter, who have explored the women in Samuel's family and created artistic interpretations of the lives they might have lived, creating digital augmented reality portraits, 3D art installations, soundscapes and audio-visual art. Visitors will see Samuel's mother Elizabeth Egerton, his daughter Beatrix and his sister Hester appear and are invited to imagine the lives they may have lived.

Exhibition volunteers will work closely with the Mansion team and Room Stewards to provide a fantastic visitor experience and assistance, during opening hours. Situated at key locations, they will provide engagement with the installations, the stories and the art exhibition, helping to deliver a great all-round visitor experience.

We'd love to hear from you if you are:

- Customer focused with an understanding of the importance of great service.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.
- Keen to learn new things.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Adaptable and have a flexible approach.
- A keen interest in art, history, historic properties and their collections.

What's in it for you?

- Spend time in a fabulous place, packed with history.
- Get to know Tatton Park and our visitors.
- Be part of a varied and enthusiastic team and form new friendships.
- Gain experience in storytelling and visitor welcome.
- Develop and share your knowledge.

What's involved?

- Supporting the temporary exhibition, 'Beyond the View', sharing information and bringing the stories within the exhibition to life.
- Stewarding and directing visitors in strategic locations within the exhibition areas.
- Providing a warm and friendly welcome to our visitors.
- Responding to the different needs of different visitors, including people with additional access needs
- Learning more about Tatton Park so you can share all that's special – indoors and out.

We want all our volunteers to feel welcome and to have an equally positive experience when volunteering with us. So, volunteers will:

- Be provided with the necessary induction, training, equipment and reasonable adjustments to do this role well and safely.
- Be offered expenses to cover agreed travel costs between home and place of volunteering.

This role will suit people who....

- Are full of enthusiasm and enjoy engaging and inspiring visitors of all ages.
- Are interested in art and history.
- Love being around people – you'll meet a lot each day!
- Interested in Tatton Park – you don't need to know all of the history, but you'll enjoy picking up lots of facts and figures.
- Want to support the work of the Mansion team at Tatton Park.
- Are confident with talking to and engaging the general public.
- Have good communication skills.

Extra Information

Your Place

The Mansion, Tatton Park

Time Commitment

At least one day a week, (12pm-4pm Wednesday to Sunday) from March 28th 2026 – 1st November 2026

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**What your need to wear/
Bring**

Smart but casual clothing

Training/Resources

An induction, training events, familiarisation visits before the exhibition launch, an annual volunteer celebration event plus an ongoing development programme linked to a volunteer's specific role, skills and targets.

Expenses

Travel expenses can be claimed as outlined in the Volunteer Handbook which will be provided.

About

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

Working with the Mansion Team you will help maintain excellent standards of visitor welcome and engagement.

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