



Volunteer Role Description

Bookshop Volunteer

Oxburgh Hall

The Gun Room Second Hand Bookshop at Oxburgh Hall is run by volunteers and provides funding for conservation projects specifically at Oxburgh Hall.

What is a Bookshop Volunteer?

Do you like a good thriller? Or are you more of a romantic? Our Bookshop Volunteers know where to find the poetry section, or holiday reads, and love helping our visitors to find something they will enjoy.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team
- Meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends
- Improving your communication skills
- Enjoying new experiences and learning something new every day

What's involved?

- Ensuring that the shop is clean and tidy at all times.
- Selling books to the public.
- Maintaining the security of goods within the shop.
- Observing all prescribed financial systems and procedures.
- Undertaking such other appropriate assistance in relation to The Gun Room Second Hand Bookshop as may be reasonably requested by the National Trust manager.
- Working in compliance with the Trust's *Health and Safety Policy* at all times.
- Assist with the sorting and pricing of donated books and the re-stocking of the shop.

This role will suit people who... In love with books – even when they're a little bit dusty! Keen to help each customer feel special and find something they like, interested in helping us fundraise to support our work, happy to handle money

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Extra information

Your place Oxburgh Hall

Time commitment Once a week, or more if you wish.

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Expenses Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance

About the National Trust

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About Oxburgh Hall

Oxburgh was completed in 1482 for the Bedingfeld family, who have lived here ever since. The house has had many transformations throughout the years. The Tudor gatehouse is the least altered part of the house, though many of the architectural flourishes that you see today, as well as the gardens and interiors were added during the Victorian era under the 6th Baronet, to celebrate the history of the family, and are highly influenced by the Gothic revival movement. Key rooms in the house are the King's Room and Priest Hole which reflect both the rise and fall of the family. The most striking area outdoors is the French Parterre, designed in the 19th Century, however the wider estate includes woodland and additional gardens.

Oxburgh Hall was given to The National Trust by Sybil, Dowager Lady Bedingfeld, Mrs Greathead (Lady Sybil's daughter) and Violet Hartcup (Lady Sybil's niece). The hall had been sold at auction but was saved from being demolished by the efforts of these three ladies. The women of Oxburgh Hall have had a huge impact on its fortunes throughout its history. The current Baronet is Sir Henry (10th Baronet) who still resides in the south-east corner of the Hall.

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