

Volunteering Opportunities

We have recently received funding from the National Lottery to offer grants to enable owners to conserve and repair their shopfronts in the Market Place and Lord Street.

We are also delivering a programme of activities to help the local community to learn and understand the heritage of this area, ensuring that it is preserved for future generations. Some of these activities bring opportunities for volunteers to be involved in the project throughout 2022 - 2024.

Volunteer Researcher

We have lists of the business owners that occupied each shop going back to the 1840s and we are conducting research to create information boards to be displayed on each shop as it is renovated.

Location

This research will be carried out by volunteers working from home and using resources at Gainsborough Library and Gainsborough Heritage Centre.

Responsible Officer / Supervisor / Contact

Theresa Workman is the Activities Coordinator and she will assist you, providing training and being your main contact.

Timescale

The aim is to have completed essential research by summer 2023, but this is an open-ended role as research will also be used to write interesting articles to be loaded on the THI website and social media posts which will run until September 2024.

Main tasks and responsibilities

- To undertake training and become familiar with research facilities and online resources.
- To type up researched information and keep a record of the sources.
- To send research via email to the supervisor.
- Option to progress towards creating content for the THI website and assisting with social media posts.

Skills and experience required

- Comfortable working from home and using local research facilities.

- Ability to use email and type up research on your own keyboard at home.
- Able to self-manage on a day-to-day basis.
- This position will not involve regular contact with a team and would suit someone who is comfortable to work from home and to use the public library and heritage centre archive.

Support and training required

An introductory training session will be provided, which will include a visit to both the public library and heritage centre. Both sites have valuable information sources. A reading list will also be provided which includes several written histories of Gainsborough.

What you need to provide

We will initially ask you to provide some personal details and proof of ID. This role is flexible and you can work to your own schedule. You will need access to the internet and use of a computer at home. The ability to travel to the Heritage Centre and Library will also be required.

What you will gain from this role

- You will be taking part in a once in a lifetime project to restore the heart of Gainsborough to its former glory and to capture its history for generations to come.
- You will gain research skills that would help in many areas of working life and family history pursuits.
- You will receive a certificate of attendance for participating in the training sessions and other optional training sessions will be offered whilst you are volunteering for us.