

National Waterways Museum SITE HOUSEKEEPING

Perhaps you may think that the Site Housekeeping team is not as glamorous as some of the others. Well nothing could be further from the truth.

Members of the Site Housekeeping team carry out the 1001 general jobs that keep the museum going. One day it could be general maintenance work that improves the condition and the appearance of the Site and the exhibits and on other days you could be moving exhibits around and setting up new displays.

Exhibition cleaning and care is most important and can lead to opportunities to learn about the history of articles and to carry out minor restoration work. Painting and minor repairs to site structures can range from the care of site signage to the repair of a damaged fence.

This is an interesting role and takes volunteers around all areas of the site, meeting visitors and often getting the chance to meet them and talk about the museum. We all need to be careful but ideally the volunteers in this team will have that extra little knack of knowing how to treat the articles and the building with that little bit of respect they deserve.

To find out more or to register interest call the Museum on 0151 355 5017 or email volunteers@boatmuseumsociety.org.uk

“The other day we were dusting down the displays in the Island Warehouse. As I looked around an elderly couple were watching me and we started to talk. They were on holiday from Australia and had fallen in love with canals and the waterways heritage. It wasn't long before we were talking like old friends. I tried to recruit them as volunteers – a bit far to come they said! ”

Daphne (Volunteer on Tuesdays and Sundays)

