

Role Description

Heritage Custodian Volunteers

Why are we doing this?

Last year the historic Reading Abbey Ruins was re-opened to the public, after being closed for nearly 10 years, thanks to the ‘*Reading Abbey Revealed*’ Heritage Lottery Fund and Reading Borough Council match-funded project.

A major part of this project was also to explain the site’s rich history more fully through installing 27 new information boards and numerous directional signs around the town centre encouraging visitors to seek out the Reading Abbey Quarter.

We are looking for Heritage Custodian volunteers to help us keep the Reading Abbey Quarter looking attractive as a historical and cultural destination within the town.

Why we want you

Reading Museum is looking for micro-volunteers - people who may have limited time to volunteer - to litter-pick, clean and monitor the condition of our new history information boards and signage with the Reading Abbey Quarter and town centre.



What will you be doing?

- Help us by cleaning our history information boards and town centre signs so they can be easily read by visitors and residents.
- Litter-pick around the Reading Abbey Quarter including the Abbey Ruins, Abbey Gateway and Forbury Gardens to keep the area looking tidy and presentable.

This role will suit you if you are:

- Happy to work outdoors and follow instructions
- Able to use your own initiative
- Able to work in pairs

What will you get out of it?

- Gain satisfaction from keeping Reading's history information panels in good order
- Learn new facts about the history of Reading and the Reading Abbey Quarter through cleaning and reading the boards!
- Be part of a friendly volunteer team and make new friends

How much time will you need to give?

This is a micro-volunteering role so there is no fixed time commitment. Ideally we would like the litter-picking and the boards and signs to be cleaned frequently (i.e. this could be fortnightly, monthly - we will discuss this with you). We may ask you to help at additional times if there is a forthcoming event.

You will receive on-site training before you start this role and we will provide the equipment you need.

To apply

Read through our volunteer policy (found under 'Get Involved' at www.readingmuseum.org.uk) and complete the volunteer registration form.

Email your form to museum.visiting@reading.gov.uk

If we think you are suitable for this role, we will invite you to Reading Museum for a brief chat.