

Volunteers

Our volunteers come from all walks of life; some are retired, some just wanting a challenge or to meet new people. They all have one thing in common though - a commitment to making sure every visitor has the best experience at the Anson Engine Museum.

Volunteers get involved in everything from restoring engines, caring for the exhibits, maintaining and cleaning the buildings to helping with events or carrying out research. If you have a skill, we can use it!

In return you get a fantastic learning experience and the knowledge that you are helping the Museum to develop into the future.

To help us balance the help offered with the priorities needed at the museum we ask that potential volunteers complete a short application form and send it to our Volunteer Coordinator. After he has had the opportunity to see how your skills might fit with our current needs he will contact you to discuss possible next steps.

Peter Wood, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, explains “As well as the 1001 jobs in and around the museum, we also know how to enjoy ourselves. Last years extra mural activities included a visit to see the world’s biggest working steam engine at Ellan Road. Another trip was to a mill at Haslingden, one to Markham Grange near Doncaster and another to Wortley Top Forge. We finished the year with a “Christmas Do” off the museum site when 16 of us, carrying logs for the fire, descended on the Boars Head Inn for a festive lunch.



“The next frivolity was Shrove Tuesday when Trevor surprised us all setting up a makeshift kitchen in the workshop and supplying us all with pancakes. This proved so successful that the following week Barry and Graham helped Trevor to knock up homemade stew to relieve everybody from the icy cold weather.

“Also in February we went to Tamworth to present an instruction manual to Graham Lee who is restoring a 1924 “Mirrlees” air blast injection engine to full working order. By prior arrangement Grahams works manager, Chris Lytham, had invited us to see their workshop before going on to see the engine.

“The most recent trip out was to Churnet Valley Railway where we rode the steam engine up and down the line then stopped off for a great pub lunch.

“You will see from the foregoing that when you become a helper at the Anson Engine Museum you are joining a happy and active gang.”

HELP WANTED



The museum is run entirely by volunteers. We ask that all our volunteers become a member of the "Friends" as this helps us update you on a regular basis on special events, etc.

Many members enjoy giving practical support to the museum by undertaking a range of essential tasks on site as well as supporting events, research and promotion. Jobs range from specific projects, through helping at events, to general maintenance on engines, cleaning and caring for the site, to committed, careful work in the Museum Archives. Others find it just as rewarding, or a change, to help with other essential tasks in staffing the cafe or car park or guiding visitors around the site.

We are always happy to hear from potential volunteers but not every category of help is needed at all times. If you feel able and willing to help, please complete the details below and someone will contact you soon to discuss our recruitment process. Please complete both sides of this form.

Many thanks

Peter Wood, Volunteer Co-ordinator

FORENAME SURNAME

ADDRESS

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Telephone AGE if under 21

Email **NB this is our preferred way of keeping in touch**

I am a member of the "Friends" Yes / No Date

Please note The Anson Engine Museum will not pass or sell your details to anyone else

Type of help required	I am willing to help with this	I have previous experience	Any Additional Comments
Run the café/shop/reception			
General help with maintenance/cleaning of buildings & gardens			
Clean or maintain engines			
Building / construction work			
Knowledge of engines and willing to talk/explain to visitors			
Car park help for "open days"			
Qualified First Aider			
Fundraising			
Writing press releases			
Other ... please specify			
Other ... please specify			

Volunteer Assessment Sheet

Volunteer Name :- _____

✓ Years

•	Workshop	-	Hand Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Lathe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Drill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Milling M/C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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•	Portable Tools	-	Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Grinder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Strimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Chain Saw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welding		-	Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abrasive Wheels		-	Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Certificate to Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifting Equipment		-	Use of Slings, Chains, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Crane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forklift		-	Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			- Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office /Admin		-	Training		Specify
			- Experience		Specify

Other relevant Training / Experience

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AVAILABILITY

Which days would you like to volunteer? (please tick) NB we may not be able to accommodate the days you prefer to work. We are open to the public every weekend so need front of house staff, car park help, etc those days.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Bank Holidays

How many hours per day can you give?

Would you come in to help with special events?