

Volunteer opportunities for All!

No matter what your interest, age, experience, ability or background we have a volunteer opportunity for you at Wheal Martyn!!

You don't have to have a specific interest in museums, heritage or China Clay to find something rewarding and interesting to get involved in. Equally if your interest is strong or specific in any particular area you will also gain a lot from a volunteering experience at the UK's only China Clay mining museum, located only two miles from St. Austell.



Museums are inspiring, dynamic places, evolving all the time and celebrating as much about our modern world as they do our rich and fascinating past. They are a place for everyone to be themselves, and discover something new. Wheal Martyn is no exception, with our welcoming, friendly team and comfortable, inviting surroundings amongst the former Victorian clay works and ancient woodland, you won't feel under any pressure and can truly challenge any misconception that museums are 'stuffy' places just for the elite.

Colin Vallance, Heritage and Operations Director of Wheal Martyn said "We have a wide range of volunteers, with different skills, experience and interests all of which contribute enormously to the important work of our charity in preserving the history and telling the story of Cornwall's largest mining industry, an industry which has an impact on all our lives today"

The work of volunteers is essential to Wheal Martyn, as a charity with limited resources and a small, yet dedicated team of paid employee. Volunteers and staff are constantly seeking to achieve more to make Wheal Martyn a focal point for our community and a place where for visitors and locals alike to escape, relax, learn or express themselves. Working with volunteers allows us to achieve so much more, whether it's engaging more young people, improving our visitors experience, enhancing the natural environment or protecting the museum's collection and archive, to name just a few.

The most important person, however, is the volunteer and it is our aim to provide you with a memorable experience. Helping out at Wheal Martyn can enable you to meet people, old and new, learn new skills, build your confidence, get active, challenge yourself to new experiences, put to use a well-established skill or simply escape the hustle of everyday life for a while!

There are a vast range of volunteer opportunities on offer at Wheal Martyn, with a task which would suit just about every age group and skillset. There's no specific level of commitment needed, we understand how busy everyone is, so are just as grateful to those who can spare the occasional day or few hours once in a while as we are to those who wish to contribute on a more regular basis. There are opportunities suitable for individuals, groups and even for businesses wishing to contribute to their community.

On this page you will see a list of opportunities currently on offer and we would urge anyone interested to contact Sue Ford, Museum Manager on 01726 850362 or email sford@swlakestrust.org.uk

Jo Moore, Wheal Martyn's curator said "Working with our fabulous volunteers is always a pleasure and it's so rewarding to see what they also get out of their experience with us, developing new skills, meeting new people, discovering their heritage, re-living memories or simply having a lot of fun! But don't just take my word for it, please have a read of what some of our volunteers have to say....."

Volunteer Opportunities

Below is a list of current opportunities.

Task	Commitment	Desirable attribute
PUBLIC FACING		
Meet Greeter	Regular or occasional	People person/ approachable
Tour guide	As required	Public speaker/ people person
Visitor surveys	Regular or occasional	People person/ approachable
Admissions assistant	Regular preferred	People person/ till experience
Gift shop assistant	Regular preferred	People person/ Till experience
Attending external events	As required	People person/ approachable
Flyer distribution	As required	People person/ approachable
MUSEUM SPECIFIC		
Collection recording	Regular or occasional	Collections interest/ eye for detail
EDUCATIONAL		
Craft activities	Regular or occasional	Creative/ experience with children
Workshop facilitator	As required	Educational experience
Toddler and child leader	Regular or occasional	Experience with young children
GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS		
*Gardening	Regular or occasional	Practical/ keen gardener
*Maintenance tasks	Regular or occasional	Practical/ good at DIY
*Painting and decorating	As required	Eye for detail
*Vegetation clearance	Regular or occasional	Practical/ energetic
*Rhododendron clearing	Regular or occasional	Practical/ energetic
GENERAL INTEREST		
Maintaining shop displays	Regular or occasional	Retail experience
Social media assistant	Regular	Knowledge of Twitter/ Facebook
Writing press articles	Regular or occasional	Experienced writer
Photographer (events/ promotional)	As required	Amateur or Photographer

Those marked with an * are suitable for volunteering groups as well as individuals.