**Collections Care Volunteer**

**Attention all heritage enthusiasts! Have you ever been curious about the experience of caring for a historic house and its collection? Now is your chance to find out! Join our House and Collections Officer in the vital work of preserving this remarkable site for future generations. You'll take pride in knowing that you've played a part in maintaining the ancestral home of George Washington, the very first President of the United States.**

**About Us**

**Sulgrave Manor** is an independent charity and an accredited museum which is open to the public from April to October. The Manor was **built in 1539 by the direct ancestors of George Washington, the first President of the United States.** It was bought, restored and opened to the public as a symbol of friendship between Britain and America in 1921. Today, we tell the stories of Sulgrave Manor’s owners and celebrate our historic and symbolic role in Anglo-American relations. Find out more at <https://sulgravemanor.org.uk/>.

**What’s involved?**

* Cleaning collection objects, including delicate manoeuvring of items with proper equipment.
* Completing condition reports and maintaining conservation records, creating a sustained analysis on how the items/ house is deteriorating and how we can maintain them to the best of our ability.
* Monitoring the house for any pest and/or mould activity.
* Assisting with collections documentation, with a particular focus on inventory management.
* Interacting with visitors through ‘Conservation in Action’ to explain what is required to look after a house and collection.
* Redisplaying show rooms and exhibition spaces ready for reopening in spring.
* Becoming familiar with health and safety procedures.

**By getting involved, you could…**

* Enhance your CV with valuable heritage collections experience at an Accredited Museum.
* Gain valuable experience of preventative conservation techniques.
* Get hands-on experience working with museum collections.
* Work closely with our House and Collections and Curator in preserving the house and collection.
* Make a real difference to our visitor experience.
* Learn all about the house, collection and the families that have resided here.

**This role will suit you if you…**

* Wish to gain valuable experience and get ahead in the competitive job market of Heritage conservation/ curation or would like to pass some extra time in retirement.
* Have an interest in museum collections and their conservation.
* Have ideas of embarking on a career in heritage and working with historic collections OR wish to get experience in an area you have always been interested in.
* Can perform manual tasks with dexterity including lifting, carrying and cleaning.
* Enjoy working as part of a team or prefer being set a task and completing it methodically by yourself.

**What you will get in return:**

* Great experience working with collections
* You can claim mileage costs from your home to Sulgrave Manor. Fuel costs are calculated at 35p/mile to a maximum of £15 per return journey.
* We will provide all necessary training and equipment.
* Free Season Ticket.
* 10% discount on Special Event tickets.

**How to get involved:**

Complete an application form and hand into reception or completed forms can be emailed to Matthew Brunt (House and Collections Officer) – matthew.brunt@sulgravemanor.org.uk.