

About the Role	
Role Title	Exhibition Steward – Sea Dragons of Street
Responsible To	Office Manager
Main purpose of the role	Be the public face of the exhibition and help promote it to members of the public.
About the Exhibition	<p>A free pop-up exhibition of fossilised ichthyosaurs found in Street. The public can view the fossils and learn about how they were found and what they tell us about the local environment.</p> <p>19 large ichthyosaur fossils will be on display, as well a selection of smaller fossils found in the local area. Known as ‘sea dragons’, ichthyosaurs were dolphin-like marine reptiles which swam in the warm seas which covered Somerset around 200 million years ago. Street is known internationally for the quality and quantity of the fossils found in the local Blue Lias rock.</p> <p>The fossils were found in local quarries in the 19th century by Alfred Gillett, a cousin of the founders of Clarks the shoemakers. Clark family members were also interested in the fossils which were being discovered in the area, and this impressive collection gradually developed. First displayed in Glastonbury Town Hall in 1880, the fossils were soon moved into a purpose-built Geological Museum in Crispin Hall in Street, which was opened in 1887.</p> <p>Noted geologists and academics visited the collection to study them, along with tourists and residents in the locality of Street. Such was the importance of the collection and the affection held for the fossils in the area that the newly formed Street Urban District Council chose the ichthyosaur as their symbol in 1894. It is still used today by local societies and associations.</p> <p>The fossils were finally taken off public display in 1978 when they were moved into storage for conservation.</p>
Duties/Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome members of the public into the exhibition • Help answer questions from the public • Care for the security of the building, collections and visitors • Direct visitors to facilities
Time Commitment/Duration	<p>Monday 28th October to Saturday 2nd November 2019</p> <p>Shifts 10am to 1.30pm / 1.30pm to 5pm</p> <p>Arrival 20 minutes prior to shift starts.</p>
Location	<p>The Grange, Farm Road, Street, BA16 0BQ</p> <p>Parking available</p>
About Us	
Mission	<p>Our Mission is to share the rich history of Street’s shoe industry, demonstrating the principles of stewardship, integrity and community-mindedness, upon which the collection was founded, and inspiring the next generation of creators, thinkers and innovators.</p>

Strategic Objectives	Public Engagement & Public Benefit; Individual & Institutional Integrity; Stewardship
About You	
Essential Skills	<p>You don't need to be an expert in history to become a volunteer! All you need is the enthusiasm and willingness to help, but the below would be desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoys talking to others • Friendly • Welcoming • Patient
Qualifications	N/A
Other	
Other Information	
Contact	<p>Samantha Bradley Enquiries@agtrust.org.uk 01458 444060</p>
Training	An introductory training session will be held before your shift and information circulated before you start.