

Sussex Archaeological Society

Placements at Barbican House Museum

The Sussex Archaeology Society is one of the largest and oldest archaeological societies in the country. It has a number of historic properties open to the general public, and is active in the fields of archaeological and historical research in Sussex. The Society owns and manages two museums in Lewes. The Anne of Cleves House local history museum and the Barbican House Museum which primarily houses archaeological collections. The training placements mainly involve work at the Barbican House Museum.



A background qualification is not essential; the following list of qualities are desirable in relation to the training placements.

- Interest in archaeology or museums work
- Good attention to detail
- Display skills

Museum and Library Assistants

The museum houses a rich collection of local archaeological material dating from the Palaeolithic through to the medieval period. The main role of the training placement is to help support staff in the cataloguing and recording of this material. All of the items are photographed so there is an opportunity to develop photographic skills and to employ these within the professional context of museum work. The museum also has an active policy of displaying material from its reserve collection, so trainees are able to gain skills relevant to display work including; background research, label writing, display design and object mounting.

Full training is given in all relevant aspects of the work which trainees undertake during their placement. The skills gained from this placement provide an excellent background to many areas within museum work and are also relevant to other employment areas where information classification, storage and retrieval skills are utilised.

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Education Assistants at Michelham Priory

The Sussex Archaeology Society has an active and varied educational programme at Michelham Priory. This programme involves school children working in exciting and innovative ways with the rich collections held by the Society at the Priory. The educational work is overseen by the Education Officer and they provide the training for the Education Assistant. The educational programme is mainly based around activity sessions designed to help school children engage with the past and develop a love of history and archaeology. School groups can participate in activity filled day sessions themed around Medieval, Tudor, Victorian and WWII themes.

Training

Full training is given in all areas including:

- Educational Administration
- Leading school groups in historical settings
- Designing education resource material
- basic object handling and conservation



Person Specification

A background qualification is not essential. The following list of qualities are desirable in relation to the training opportunities.

- Interest in education
- Good communication skills
- Interest in archaeology or history
- Punctuality and reliability

