

# VOLUNTEER FOR MURGATROYD'S BRINE PUMPS

## The last of their kind



### General maintenance

**Role Summary:** Maintenance is required throughout the site, depending on the stages of the project and the time of year. The role will include clearing debris inside and outside building, help with gantry removal, clean and repair steelwork, help to prepare new timbers, cleaning and working with the pumps and associated machinery, oiling, painting, clearing guttering, reporting any problems etc.

This role includes maintaining the building in the future and maintaining other builds/objects/monuments that have been placed in the care of the Trust such as trail boards, benches, monuments, library exhibition cases etc.

### Landscaping / Gardening

**Role Summary:** To work with other volunteers to landscape the site, under guidance from Wildlife and Environmental experts. This role will include clearing debris, salvage materials, tree management, removal of earth, creation of pathways, fences, seating area, planting, wildlife areas and other 'green' projects as advised.

This role includes maintaining the landscaped site and other green space areas within the conservation area including Three Locks, Brooks Lane Garden and working with Canal and Rivers Trust on agreed projects along the Trent and Mersey Canal.

### Watching brief

**Role Summary:** Watching brief on the works to the gantry, well head and shaft. Recording works as it happens, photographs and note taking, detailing how the building fabric was originally and how it is altered by the works. Scale drawings produced, final report. Photographs are requested for the daily works blog.

### Website and Public Relations support

**Role Summary:** Digitising selected items from the archive collection and placing them on our new website Collections page. Assisting with marketing material, social media, website updates, blogging and consultations.

### Interpretation support

**Role Summary:** To assist with on-going interpretation for the site, this work includes research, help with design, and consultation towards a variety of interpretive solutions for the site. This role includes interpretative help for the Library exhibitions and collections support.

### Guides and stewards

**Role Summary:** We require Guides to be trained and develop their own interaction with visitors and other users of the site. Guides and stewards will be required for open days, events and general bookings.

***Generally the roles are on the Brine Pumps Site or /Victoria Building, unless specified otherwise. Time needed varies on each role and will be agreed with the Lead Co-ordinator***

Murgatroyd's Brine Pumps are the only remaining pumps in the UK which are still on their original, hand-dug, brine shaft. Middlewich Heritage Trust is a registered charity (No 1161871) which wants to preserve and renovate the pumps for the community and as an educational resource.

To do this we need help.

**If you wish to  
volunteer to help us, please contact**

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