

Vindolanda Stonemason Vacancy

- Closing date for applications 13th of July 2018
- Interviews will take place at Vindolanda on the 20th of July 2018
- Start date (by agreement): 13th of August 2018

Thank you for your interest in the post of stonemason with The Vindolanda Charitable Trust. This position will be based at the Roman site of Vindolanda, Chesterholm Museum, Bardon Mill, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 7JN & with occasional work at our sister site at The Roman Army Museum, Greenhead, Brampton, Northumberland CA8 7JB.

The successful post holder will join a dedicated archaeological and estate management team and work with the Director of Excavations to deliver the Vindolanda Trusts consolidation programme to consolidate and preserve the ancient remains at the site of Vindolanda and the nearby fort of Carvoran, adjacent to the Roman Army.

The Vindolanda estate consists of two museums, a substantial Northumbrian farm stading and several research, accommodation and open-air museum buildings.

About the Vindolanda Trust

The Vindolanda Trust is a registered charity and limited company founded in 1970, to research, preserve and promote and provide access to the widest possible audience to the archaeology of Roman Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum at Carvoran which lie at the heart of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. The Trust is an Investor in People organisation administered by a board Trustees who act independently and solely in the interests of the Trust.

Job Reference:

VT18/Stonemason

Contract Type:

Fixed term 3-year contract from August 2018 to the end of September 2021.

Full time– 1966 hours per year (annualised hours)

Stakeholder pension scheme

Salary (subject to qualification and experience)

£22,609 to £25,558 per annum

Location:

Based at Vindolanda, Bardon Mill, NE47 7JN. Some work at Roman Army Museum, Greenhead

Line Manager(s):

DR Andrew Birley CEO - archaeological consolidation.

Colin Galloway Deputy CEO- estate property management

Our mission- Our mission is:

- to advance the knowledge and enhance the awareness of the Vindolanda Trust through a meticulous investigation of the archaeological record.
- to promote & maintain access to Vindolanda's unique heritage resource and to continue our contribution to the understanding of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.
- To create a sustainable heritage tourism environment and to continue to make a successfully contribute to the local and regional economy

About the post

Working with the Director of excavations, and with the guidance of the Vindolanda Trusts appointed consolidation architect, to deliver the Vindolanda Trusts consolidation programme to consolidate and preserve the ancient remains at the site of Vindolanda and the nearby fort of Carvoran, adjacent to the Roman Army Museum.

This will involve a variety of primary first-time consolidation of the remains after excavation as well as general ongoing maintenance of the monuments.

The primary site consolidation work will take place from April through to October each year. In the winter months, October to April, other maintenance and project work at the sites will include the upkeep and repair of museum buildings, roofs, paths and walls as well as any other potential project work undertaken by the Trust.

We are looking for a personable, independent and reliable person with a keen interest in working in the heritage landscape. It is preferable that the candidate has previous experience either in the building trade and or specific experience working with lime mortars. As part of the Vindolanda team the candidate needs to have a 'can do attitude' to undertake various aspects of the work, be comfortable working outdoors and have good communication skills. The candidate will work under the supervision of the Director of excavations

The stamina and physical fitness to endure outdoors conditions in all weathers are essential requirements of the post.

You may be required to attend any training or health and safety courses associated with the job.

(Note: in addition to these functions all employees are required to carry out such other duties, including occasional work outside normal hours, as may be reasonably be required).

Main activities:

- To consolidate new excavated stone remains at the site of Vindolanda, working to a pre-prepared consolidation brief.
- To re-consolidate and care for existing remains, repairing and maintaining the integrity of the monument.
- Operating electrical and petrol-powered hand tools and machinery to facilitate the work.
- The winter season may consist of work other than the normal duties associated with stonemasonry consisting assisting with the general maintenance of the Vindolanda Trust properties, museums, paths, landscape works, fence repairs and painting.

The hours of work & holiday entitlement:

- The normal weekly hours of work will vary according to the season in the working year.
- April to October 8:00am to 5pm. Monday to Friday.
- November to March 9.00 am to 4pm Monday to Thursday
- Paid holiday 30 days inclusive of Bank Holidays (10 days to be taken over the Xmas period.)

Benefits:

- Branded outdoor working clothing
- Free Parking
- Free family admission to Vindolanda & The Roman Army Museum
- Discounts in the museum shops and coffee shops

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they meet the following requirements and qualifications as part of the selection process.

Person Specification: Essential

- Be a time served tradesperson
- Proven knowledge of the stonemasonry trade and be able to provide evidence of recent experience of working with stone and building materials.
- Good all-round understanding and practical experience of using lime mortars.
- To have a passion for the heritage landscape and ancient monuments
- To be an excellent team player
- Be able to communicate efficiently and courteously
- Be eligible to work in the UK
- A clean full UK driving licence

Desirable:

- Previous heritage masonry experience.
- Joinery skills
- Landscape management credentials
- First aid certificate

How to apply:

- Please send a covering letter and C.V, completed application form and two work related references, by email to info@vindolanda.com quoting **VT18 -Vindolanda Stonemason**
- All applications will be acknowledged:
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C.E.O Dr Andrew Birley FSA, FSA Scot

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