



Equine Volunteer

We are looking for a team of Equine Volunteers to support staff to care for our resident horses and to engage visitors.

What's involved?

Early slot (7.30 - 9am)

- Mucking out and bedding down in stables
- Tidying the yard
- Grooming horses and taking them on/off the horse walker

Later slot (11am – 1pm and/or 2 – 4pm)

- Assisting with the care of horses pre and post exercise (tacking up, washing off)
- Tidying yard and horse boxes
- Chatting to visitors to help them engage with the horses and activity in the yard
- Taking visitors on a behind the scenes tour of the paddock, arena, horse-walker and forge and providing commentaries for visitors to explain the re-training of racehorses demonstrations in the arena (information will be provided).

What's in it for you?

- Being part of an exciting new heritage development
- Volunteering as part of an equine team
- Developing new skills and knowledge and/or building on existing experience
- Meeting and engaging with a variety of people
- An opportunity to spend time with resident horses.

This role will suit people who have substantial experience with horses and are confident and competent in handling horses and in horse care; have an understanding of basic stable management ie cleaning and tidying boxes; are reasonably fit and energetic, practical and hands-on. This role involves some manual handling and standing for periods of time. In addition the later slot will suit people who are outgoing; enjoy talking to people (including groups of visitors) and have good communication skills.

Training will be provided so that volunteers are familiar with the relevant safety and emergency procedures.

Are you interested?

If this volunteer role is of interest please complete and return a **Volunteer Expression of Interest** form which you can download from www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk > Get Involved or request from the Community Engagement Manager hazel@nhrm.co.uk
tel: 01638 667314 ext 220.

We will invite you to an informal meeting to discuss your interests and our volunteering roles. If we can't match you to a suitable volunteering role at the moment then we will be happy to advise you about where to look for information on other volunteering opportunities.

Other Information

Potential time commitment: This opportunity is available on a weekly basis. Slots are 7.30-9am, 10.30-12.30 and 2-4pm. We are open 7 days a week. This is an informal arrangement that can be ended at any time by either the volunteer or the Heritage Centre.

Location: Palace House, Newmarket

Responsible to: The Yard Manager and supported by the Community Engagement Manager.

Training and support: You will be introduced to the organisation and your volunteer role and receive any information and training needed to undertake your volunteer tasks.

Health and safety: The organisation will, as far as is practical, care for the health, safety and welfare of its volunteers. You are responsible for conducting yourself in a safe manner and for reporting any incidents.

Insurance: You will be covered by the organisation's Employer and Public Liability insurance policies while engaged in approved volunteer tasks for the Heritage Centre. Personal possessions are not covered but lockers are provided.

Expenses: We are unable to pay travel expenses for volunteers to travel to and from the heritage centre. However we will pay public transport costs, or mileage at 40p a mile, for journeys undertaken on behalf of the Heritage Centre for approved volunteering activities.

To see our Volunteering Guidelines and other volunteering opportunities go to:
www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk > Get Involved.

About Palace House Newmarket

Palace House, Newmarket: National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art opened in 2016 as a major new visitor attraction and community cultural hub in the heart of the town. It offers a world-class museum, art gallery and study centre alongside a working stable yard with a four-acre paddock for events.

At the new Heritage Centre we aim to:

- share our knowledge of sport, art and heritage, connecting people with Newmarket's royal story and inspiring a real sense of place
- provide a hub for people to get involved, share ideas and forge relationships that not only enhance the local economy but help to influence our centre and truly shape the future of horseracing
- trigger curiosity and inspire interest, encouraging a deeper appreciation of the significance of British sporting culture
- bring sporting stories to life in surprising, interactive, and dramatic ways that truly capture people's imagination within and beyond our walls.

As part of this exciting new development we offer a range of volunteering opportunities to help us achieve these aims.

For further information go to: www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk