

## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Organisation:</b> Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust
<b>Volunteer Role:</b> Dynamic Objects Conservation Volunteer (3 Slip)
<p><b>Responsible to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lead 3 Slip Maintenance and Ordnance Volunteer</b></li> <li>• <b>Karoline Sofie Hennem, Conservator</b></li> <li>• <b>James Morgan, Heritage Engineering and Historic Ships Manager</b></li> </ul>
<b>Where this post will be based:</b> The Historic Dockyard Chatham
<b>Hours &amp; Time Frame:</b> To be negotiated
<p><b>Recruitment process:</b> Please submit a CV and a covering letter to support your application to Volunteer Coordinator Pip Blackmore, <a href="mailto:blacp@chdt.org.uk">blacp@chdt.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Purpose of role:</b></p> <p>Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust Dynamic Objects Conservation Volunteers will be undertaking a range of conservation techniques to contribute to the long-term preservation of the large collection in No. 3 Covered Slip. The diverse collection in the 3 Slip offers an opportunity to look after and care for a great variety of objects: including anchors, guns, boats, vehicles and more. This is an opportunity to join our friendly and dedicated team of volunteers who work for Chatham's ever-changing historic dockyard site. You will be working within a small, dedicated team of Volunteers with plenty of knowledge and skills.</p>
<p><b>Main tasks/responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the Conservator and the Heritage Engineering and Historic Ships Manager with the conservation of metals and wood</li> <li>• Completing and recording condition audits</li> <li>• Monitoring and recording pest activity</li> <li>• Assisting in the handling and moving of large collection items</li> <li>• Assisting in the proposed re-display of the 3 Slip collection</li> <li>• Assisting with other collections work as the Trust may request</li> </ul>
<p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of objects conservation/engineering and/or an interest in working with museum collections, and would like to gain more practical experience</li> </ul>

- An understanding or willingness to learn of industry quality standards
- The ability to work at height and with rather physical labour
- A knowledge of safe working practices
- The ability to quickly pick up new skills and knowledge
- Willingness to follow instructions and processes effectively
- The ability to take constructive criticism in a professional manner and to improve performance accordingly
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- Have an interest in The Historic Dockyard Chatham and its collection

**Training opportunities:**

- Induction and role-specific training provided, such as health & safety, object handling, and the conservation of wood and metals.