



Help us bring a smile to Bradford

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE ARTS AND IT'S ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGES WITHIN SOCIETY ?
#OurStreetGallery/Smile



We are looking for volunteers to assist with an exciting project. Are you willing to help with the following opportunities?

- Engaging with members of the public in a way that will make them smile.
- Assisting with the installation of public art pieces
- Working within a team to help organise and promote a public art project.
- Support social media and website management and updating.

Training will be provided alongside full inductions. Successful candidates will be asked to attend a short interview and be given more information regarding the project and it's mission then!

Please contact Sonja on:
[bmvolunteers@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:bm volunteers@bradford.gov.uk)
With 'Our Street Gallery' in the subject



Get Involved! Volunteering Update

Dear Volunteers

I do hope you're keeping well and cheerful – we miss you very much! At the moment we're struggling to be allowed to offer inside roles and are only working with volunteers in outdoor roles like gardening, although this too will change as we go into winter. However Sonja and I are very keen to keep in touch and do hope you can attend some of our planned online events.

In the meantime, there is some good Service news. We now have 3 of our 4 museums sites reopened: Bradford Industrial Museum; Cartwright Hall Art Gallery; Cliffe Castle – and are hoping to reopen Bolling Hall soon. Because of the demands of extra cleaning and staffing we're working on a Winter Hours opening pattern just for the next few months whilst we work around Covid. We've tried to share out popular times such as weekends between the museums, and are using some of the closed days to offer safe sessions for small school groups or community activities where we can do so round the Covid regulations. These are the Opening times:

- For the winter months, opening days and times for the following sites will be:
- Bradford Industrial Museum:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 11am - 3pm
 - Cartwright Hall Art Gallery:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11am - 3pm
 - Cliffe Castle Museum:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 11am - 3pm
 - Bolling Hall Museum:**
Closed to the public while we work to make it Covid-safe.

Grant award!

We're very pleased to announce a successful Grant Award from the Treasury's Cultural Recovery Fund via Arts Council England. We've been awarded £208,000 to provide Covid safe measures, including online shopping, digital improvements, extra front of house staff

if needed and business development advice. Plus a pot for our volunteering programme! There's also fund to develop a Covid safe family and community offer for each of our sites. More info shortly – we've just had the award and there's some feverish planning taking place.

Finally, sadly we won't be able to see you for a Christmas event in person, but we will in the virtual Zoom world! We hope to be in touch before then with more news and ideas.

Very best wishes and thanks,

Rosie Crook

Interim Manager Museums and Galleries

Please check the individual site pages for full details on our social media and website

Consultation Survey: Bradford Museums and Galleries: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WV7G87B>

Please take a few minutes to answer a few questions for us.

Bradford Libraries Update



Most of Bradford's libraries are now open for an 'Order and Collect' lending service. This service allows you to order books by reserving items from the online catalogue as well as by emailing or telephoning your chosen library. If you don't know exactly what you want staff will be able to help with you with your book choices. You can then collect your book order from that library at an agreed time slot.

To access the catalogue [click here](#)

For a full list of libraries offering Order and Collect along with their contact details: [website](#)

Local Studies

You can now access the Local Studies collections in Bradford Local Studies Library and Keighley Local Studies Library. These collections are open for public access again to enable the use of publications and original records for study and research.

It is essential to book an appointment and request material in advance by phone or email.

- Bradford Local Studies Library on 01274 433688, email local.studies@bradford.gov.uk
- Keighley Local Studies Library on 01535 618215, email keighleylocalstudies@bradford.gov.uk.

Local studies library staff are continuing to provide a telephone and email to answer enquiries involving the unique local collections.

Library Online

To access all our online services including e-books, e-audio, [Ancestry.com](#), Find my past, Pressreader and much more go to www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries247

You can also join in with online events and activities on [our Facebook page](#)

We hope to welcome our library volunteers back soon!!



A range of exciting opportunities as a volunteer

Volunteers **contribute** to libraries, museums and galleries in many different ways, from engaging directly with visitors to working behind the scenes with exhibitions, events and collections teams. They help to provide valuable services that we would not otherwise be able to provide. Could you support our work by sponsoring, donating or volunteering? All opportunities have flexible commitment requirements and aim to provide a rewarding and enriching experience for all.

Corporate Volunteering - Share your team, resources and expertise!

Many businesses offer their employees an opportunity to volunteer in work time. This is known as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Employer Supported Volunteering and it can include fundraising for a group or even sharing expertise, resources and volunteering. It can be a great way to support your civic museums/galleries and give your staff a rewarding and fulfilling experience in beautiful, unique spaces. Staff can volunteer independently or as part of a volunteer workplace scheme. It could be as part of a team away day or team building experience with colleagues. Talk to us if your business or group would like to volunteer or if your organisation could benefit from business volunteering. bm volunteers@bradford.gov.uk t: 01274 436027





Volunteer Gardener Blog

A few gardening words from volunteer, Helen, who volunteers at the [Bradford Industrial Museum](#)

[Read Helen's blog here](#)

Helen is now seeking a small team of volunteers to help her with the project! Would like to join her?

Role description here: <https://www.bradfordmuseums.org/get-involved/volunteering>

You can also contact Sonja on BMGVolunteers@bradford.gov.uk or telephone 01274 436027 if you'd like more information about it.

Travel expenses can be covered, you will be given a small interview and induction to our safe ways of working.

We are also seeking to recruit a team of **Gardening Volunteers** for the grounds of [Bolling Hall Museum](#). Could this be you? Do let us know – please use the same contact details as above.

Volunteer Weaver

Bradford Industrial Museum

We need your help to run and maintain our 19th and early 20th century textile machinery. We're looking for volunteers to help operate and maintain the looms and textile machines that are part of Bradford Museums Designated Textile Collection along with other types of historic textile processing equipment.

You will help bring our machinery to life, informing visitors about the history and technology of the weaving industry and the Museum's collection of textile machinery. You will be supported and advised by the Collections & Conservation Team in historically relevant information and caring for working museum collections.

You will be willing to share technical knowledge / experience with other team members and volunteers and assist with training to operate various machines.

You will assist in ensuring the security of the museum, its collections and equipment, public/visitors and staff by invigilating the museum and supervising visitors as appropriate, in the Spinning and Weaving Gallery.

- Experience of operating and maintaining textile machinery.
- Demonstrated mechanical aptitude and problem-solving skills
- Basic engineering skills and abilities
- practical experience of working with textiles
- Good people skills enabling strong relationships both internally and externally.
- Knowledge of health & safety compliance requirements

How to apply:

Call Sonja on 01274 436027 or email: bmgvolunteers@bradford.gov.uk

Community Stars

So many of us all do amazing things, this is our chance to celebrate and thank those who make life better for others by respecting, caring, protecting or sharing, to make a positive difference. Please share and get nominating!

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/communitystars/>



Shipley College: Tourism and Hospitality Volunteers

Level 3 **Tourism and Hospitality** students from **Shipley College** began

their volunteering with us this month via **Zoom** and at **Bradford Industrial Museum**. Entitled **'Hidden Gems'** this gardening, heritage and culture project sees the 16 - 18 year olds work with Volunteer Head Gardener, Helen Astin. They will be creating WWII edible garden and a children's Gruffalo garden! Behind the scenes they are developing a presentation on their Bradford 'Hidden Gem' to present to our city Tourism team! Watch this space for more...

My Cliffe Castle Thing

and more by volunteer Deborah Rehmat.

We've had some wonderful contributions to MY CLIFFE CASTLE THING! From the

extraordinary marble fireplace and the awesome floorboards, to less well-known treasures like the stained-glass panels in the porch - it's been a journey of discovery, and fascinating to hear what people would choose as their 'Thing'. Exciting, too, to learn some of the back-stories - the intimate details of the Butterfield's private lives in Mary Louise's letters and the personal memories attached to the park and the glasshouses.

Cliffe Castle Support Group volunteers have been making up and distributing activity packs for 'love spiders' and for Apple Day.

The 'Doggie Selfie-station' now up and running on the top terrace was largely due to the work of volunteer and new Trustee Emma Rochford and it's proving hugely popular!

Apple Day is on November 1st, this year all online and virtual - the packs have already been distributed and the pudding, invented by Jane Gibbon (volunteer and Trustee) is verily ably delicious.

Deborah is running a regular Tuesday post on Instagram and Facebook called Cliffe Castle Sketchbook which will incorporate contributions from a number of creatives, and include a really wide range of visually creative ideas, activities, themes and suggestions all broadly based on the museum and park.

And then there's the Wellness Walks, guided by volunteer Val Preston in collaboration with Keighley Healthy Living which have been very, very well received by the groups that she has escorted - we're planning a leaflet for self guided walks which is in preparation.

Get Involved - see which role you could do



Thanks for shopping at ASDA Keighley



You can find lots more about volunteering roles in Bradford Libraries on the website by clicking here

Lots more too for Bradford Museums and Galleries volunteering roles by clicking here.



Keighley Healthy Living

Apple Rice Pudding!



Friends

Cliffe Castle Support Group

The Cliffe Castle Support Group support the work of Cliffe Castle

Museum and Park, Keighley. The group is working with the museum and park teams to promote all aspects of the historic museum and park Contact them via Cliffe Castle Museum 01535 618231 or email ccsgteam@gmail.com.

They do not have a membership fee, and all the events they organise are free, although booking may be required. They keep members informed of upcoming events and projects and actively encourage others to become involved. You can help the Cliffe Castle Support Group by:

Helping at openings and events

Working as a volunteer on conservation, research and development projects

Fundraising for projects Cliffe Castle Support Group

Friends of Bradford Art Galleries and Museums

By becoming a Friend you can offer support by:

Paying an annual membership fee

Fundraising for projects and purchases Serving as a trustee Helping at openings and events

Working as a volunteer on conservation, research and development projects

You can become as involved as you wish and in return, your membership may bring:

New member's pack

Mailings of what's on and priority notice of private views, talks, openings and trips

Discounts including up to 20% off purchases in BMDC museums shops

Development of your own knowledge, interests and skills

Opportunities to meet museum staff make new friends amongst the Friends

The Friends have special links with Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, Bolling Hall Museum and Bradford Industrial Museum.

Contact fobagam1@gmail.com (registered charity 1108562, company limited by guarantee 5373709). <https://fobagam.wordpress.com>

KEHILLAH

This exhibition has been extended to January 2021 - a great opportunity if you thought you'd missed it! [Cartwright Hall Art Gallery Kehillah](#)

Listen to the recent BBC interview on the exhibition with Nudrat here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000c0bm>

(End date in January 2021 TBC)

The city's synagogue built in 1880 in an unusual style of Western Islamic architecture, is a grade II-listed building, which almost shut down in 2013 unable to afford roof repairs - until the Muslim community raised funds to cover costs. A £103,000 lottery grant followed.

Manningham based photographer Nudrat Afza embarked on her project to photograph

what felt like the synagogue's final chapter. The photographs, all black and white, are a mixture of modern and traditional.

Simon Beaufoy, the Oscar-winning screenwriter behind **The Full Monty** and **Slumdog Millionaire** is a fan of Afza's photography, gifting her a camera for the project.

Her exhibition, **Kehillah**, which can mean congregation or community in Hebrew, is supported by **Arts Council England**.

We will gather KEHILLAH gallery enabler volunteers when we are able to do so.

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