Job Description Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre Assistant



Role ProfileOperational – BCP Band EService/TeamEnvironmentReports toVolunteer Coordinator / Countryside ManagerResponsible forVolunteers, studentsNumber of posts1Post numbertbcCareer GradeN/A

My job improves the quality of life for the people of Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole by supporting the opening of the Hengistbury Head visitor centre, its volunteers and visiting public.

Job Overview

To support the Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre operations by covering weekend shifts, holiday cover and occasional weekdays. The Visitor Centre has a gift shop, refreshments, exhibition, and wildlife garden and you will work closely with the centre staff and volunteers.

Key Responsibilities

- Supervising and supporting the volunteers in the Visitor Centre
- Opening and closing the Visitor Centre, including doors, displays, signage etc
- Opening and end of day till procedures and cash handling
- Providing excellent customer service: this includes welcoming visitors; answering queries in person and on the telephone; providing information; serving customers in the shop
- · Assisting volunteers with any issues with the till or card machine
- Dealing with deliveries, contractors or staff working outside of the visitor centre
- Putting out/topping up stock
- Keeping the Visitor Centre clean and tidy
- Other miscellaneous duties in the Visitor Centre or outside in the grounds of the Visitor Centre

Specific Qualifications and Experience

- Practical experience of working in a retail environment
- Knowledge of natural history and/or archaeology
- Ability to supervise volunteers
- Able to work on own initiative as well as in a team
- Confident using Microsoft Office
- Experience in a shop/visitor attraction environment
- Experience of using a till/card machine/cash handling
- Customer service focused, with dedicated approach to delivering the best service to Centre visitors

Personal Qualities & Attributes

- Able to work regular weekends
- Enthusiasm for sharing information about nature and Hengistbury Head
- Knowledge of the local area and its wildlife and history
- Approachable and friendly, with the ability to communicate with a wide range of people
- Flexible and adaptable attitude towards work

- Strong attention to details with ability to undertake methodical tasks to high degree of accuracy.
- Able to use own initiative.