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Meet the museum volunteers – 9 June

Residents are being encouraged to celebrate National Volunteering Week by visiting one of Craven's busy museums.

Craven Museum & Gallery in Skipton, Grassington Folk Museum and the Museum of North Craven Life in Settle all rely on volunteers, either to greet visitors or to help with caring for the collections behind the scenes.

Special open days are being held at all three museums on 9 June to give people a taster of what it's like to volunteer and find out about the important roles volunteers play.

There are lots of ways that volunteers help, such as documenting and collections care, ensuring the security of the museum collection, planning and running events, marketing, publicity, fundraising, DIY and administration.

Craven District Council Acting District Museum's Officer, Anna Bowman, said: "Volunteers are so important for all three museums. They work tirelessly behind the scenes so that we can all enjoy Craven's wonderful heritage."

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, learn new skills and can also be a great addition to a CV. If you feel you would like to be involved or would like to find out more about volunteering, come along to one of the three museums on 9 June to have an informal chat. For event times or for more information contact one of the museums directly or the Volunteer Bureau of Craven on 01756 701648 Email : info@cravenvb.co.uk

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Note to editor,

We would appreciate if this could be included before 9 June. However if this is not possible, we would be very happy to arrange a photo opportunity for the day as this would still help the museums recruit volunteers

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For listings: Events on 9 June

The Museum of North Craven Life; The Folly, Settle 1.00 - 4.00

This year the museum has extended its opening times to allow more visitors a chance to visit this impressive building, explore the museum collection and see the major new exhibition, 'Challenge and Change: 350 Years in the Life of a House and its Region' (www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/exhibitions/exhibitions_2011/) . Because of the new opening times they really need to recruit more volunteers so that they can continue to open more frequently in the future

Also at the Folly will be Craven Volunteering Centres exhibition A to Z of volunteering in Craven. Find out more about volunteering opportunities in North Craven.

Grassington Folk Museum – 10.00 – 12.00

The museum is in great need of more volunteers to help open the museum, without more help they may need to reduce the opening hours of the museum. So if you can help, visit the museum where you can talk to volunteers and members of the museum committee to find out how you can help.

Craven Museum & Gallery - 2.00 to 4.00

Have tea and cake with the museum volunteers and staff and find out more about the work of the volunteers behind the scenes. Visit the museums latest exhibition, Articulate (<http://www.cravenmuseum.org/exhibitions/now-showing/articulate/>) a chance for everyone to see the Roebuck Collection.

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