

The Bradford Police Museum

Trustee Recruitment Pack

The Bradford Police Museum is looking to recruit 4 new volunteer trustees to join its board of trustees. We are especially looking for trustees with special knowledge of:

- Governance
- Marketing & social media
- Partnership working
- Fundraising & bid writing
- Working with the voluntary sector

All trustees should have a passion for Bradford, a serious interest in heritage, the history of law & order and keen to support the only police museum in West Yorkshire with its unique collection of Bradford City Police artefacts.

We are looking for trustees who are keen to be participants, helping us to deliver against our goals and objectives. Trustees are expected to take on specific tasks and activities related to the museum's development. The museum has limited resources competing with increasing demands. We are looking for board members who can deliver results, with an excellent network of contacts to help improve the museum's resilience and strategic leverage to meet ongoing demands.

Background

The museum was established in 2011 and opened to the public in 2014. The museum is an independent museum, a registered charity and a not-for-profit company. It occupies space in City Hall Bradford under a license agreement with Bradford Council. The museum gallery occupies the former Victorian police station and contains a collection of unique Bradford Police artefacts. Volunteer guides take visitors on tours of the Victorian cells and courtroom.

The museum recently achieved accreditation status with Arts Council England. This confirms the museum now meets nationally agreed UK industry standards. It recognises the museum's high standards of compliance and governance. These standards ensure museums are sustainable, focused and trusted, inspiring the confidence of the public and funding and governing bodies.

The museum also owns a historic police vehicle collection - stored at the Keighley Bus Museum.

The museum is open to paying visitors every Friday & Saturday most of the year and offers a range of other paid events throughout the year:

- Ghost tours held regularly
- Victorian crime scene city center walking tours held each month
- Victorian Bradford murder trial re-enactment held regularly
- School tours
- Private Group Tours.

In addition, the museum raises funds through sales of merchandise in the museum shop and through attending 3rd party outdoor events in the summer with a police vehicle and shop merchandise.

The museum employs one part time employee and has a further 35 volunteers.

Museum vision and objectives

Vision

- To continue offering a unique insight into the history and heritage of criminal justice and civic enforcement, which will engage, educate and inform people about the development of crime and punishment from the early 19th Century up to the present day.

Aims

- To tell the story of policing in Bradford since the inception of the then Bradford Borough Police (later to become the Bradford City Police) in the mid-19th Century right up to the present day. Including the key events that have taken place in Bradford during the last forty years since the creation of the West Yorkshire Police in 1974.
- To interpret and explain the history and heritage of policing within the context of crime and punishment, the criminal justice system and civic enforcement in Bradford from the early 19th Century onwards.
- To provide a rich resource for education, training and historical research. To develop education programmes that are capable of being delivered in local schools and the local community.