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# Steward, Blackness Castle

**Closing Date:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, midday.

**Expected Interview Date:** April 2023, exact dates tbc

## Recruitment Reference:

HES/23/056

## Starting Salary:

£21,052 pro rata per annum

(This is the fulltime annual salary – please note you will receive a pro rata amount based on the hours/months worked)

## Salary Range:

£21,052 to £21,872

**Pay Band:**  
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**Directorate:**  
Operations

**Location:**  
Blackness Castle (3 posts)

**Line Manager:**  
Graeme Sinclair,  
Monument Manager

**Contract Type:**  
Permanent and Part Year  
Permanent (April to  
September)

## Working Hours:

Various between 23.7 hours p/w to 37 hours p/w - please see job description main body

Thank you for your interest in the post of Steward with Historic Environment Scotland (HES), based at Blackness Castle.

You will be responsible for delivering the highest standards of visitor experience working across all areas, including in the shop, admissions area and outside, with delivery of information to visitors a core part of the role.

There are 3 different vacancies:

Post 1: Full time, 37 hours per week, year-round.

Post 2: Part-year permanent, 23.7 hours per week, April to September (temporary increase to 31.6 hours per week for this year only to incorporate work at Kinneil House).

Post 3: Part-year permanent, 31.6 hours per week, April to September (temporary increase to 37 hours per week for this year only to incorporate work at Kinneil House).

Please note you will be required to work some weekends and public holidays.

## About us

We are the lead body for Scotland's historic environment; a charity dedicated to the advancement of heritage, culture, education and environmental protection. We're at the forefront of researching and understanding the historic environment and addressing the impact of climate change on its future. We investigate and record architectural and archaeological sites and landscapes across Scotland and care for more than 300 properties of national importance. We have a People Strategy, which is an overarching strategy to ensure we support and develop staff within the organisation.

## Our Vision

Our vision is that Scotland's historic environment is cherished, understood, shared and enjoyed



with pride by everyone.

## Our Priorities

- The historic environment makes a real difference to people's lives
- The historic environment is looked after, protected and managed for the generations to come.
- The historic environment makes a broader contribution to the economy of Scotland and its people.
- The historic environment inspires a creative and vibrant Scotland
- The historic environment is cared for and championed by a high performing organisation.

## Overview of the post and information about the team

The post sits within the Lothian district. You will be part of a team of stewards working in a monument, led by a Monument Manager.

This is an exciting opportunity to work for the lead body responsible for the historic environment in Scotland. You will be actively involved in work which supports providing the best experience for our visitors – ranging from: greeting our visitors in the car park, carrying out cleaning and grounds maintenance duties, selling admission tickets or processing online bookings, selling our range of retail products or outlining the history of the site to our diverse visitor base.

We are looking for someone who enjoys interacting with diverse groups of people, who has a passion for customer service and who would thrive in a fast paced and constantly changing workplace.

## Key responsibilities, duties and objectives

### Customer Service

- Process and promote retail and admissions transactions through the till system.
- Ensure a high standard of presentation throughout the site, following appropriate cleaning processes in both public and staff areas. This will include grounds maintenance and grass cutting at some sites.
- Support the team in achievement of quality assurance KPIs.
- Actively support HES seminars, events, functions and promotions.
- Provide the warmest welcome to our visitors and engage proactively with customer service.
- Deliver talks as part of the core visitor experience

### Teamwork

- Proactively communicate with colleagues across the site to ensure high performance, standards and consistency.
- Work as part of a team to ensure that the Customer Service Industry Standards and Quality Services Awards are maintained and participate in local action plan delivery.
- Support the Monument Manager on partnership and community engagement initiatives and projects, including weddings and other events.

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### **Commercial Awareness**

- Team participation to achieve agreed commercial performance targets for the monument.
- Maximise commercial opportunities and capitalise on income generating opportunities.
- Assist Monument Manager to ensure accurate stock management and assist with stock ordering and deliveries as required.

### **Health and Safety & Compliance**

- Ensure the security of the site, buildings and contents, including acting as key holder (where required).
- Monitor and comply with all H&S procedures/guidance relevant to the site.
- Follow correct procedures to ensure safe operation of all equipment.
- Ensure that the health and safety of staff, visitors and contractors is paramount at all times.

## **Post Competencies**

You will be assessed against these competencies during our selection process.

### **Core Competencies:**

- Delivering excellent Service – Demonstrating a commitment to quality services
- Teamwork - Contributing to and supporting working together
- Planning and Organising - Putting plans and resources in place to achieve results
- Communication - Communicating appropriately and clearly
- Knowledge & Expertise - Applying and developing knowledge and expertise to achieve results - (See below for specific criteria)

## **Knowledge, skills and experience**

You will be required to demonstrate that you meet the requirements and qualifications below as part of the selection process.

### **Essential requirements:**

- Experience delivering high standards of customer service and a passion for working in the heritage tourism industry.
- Ability to work alone or as part of a team.

### **Desirable requirements:**

- Previous experience working a PC based till.
- Knowledge of the monument(s) and surrounding area.
- Previous experience communicating to large groups of people (Guided Tours).
- Cash handling experience
- IT skills and ability to use basic online functions
- An existing first aid qualification, or willingness to be trained in first aid skills



## What we offer

We welcome applications from all nationalities, assuming that they have the right to work in the UK: applying for a job with us could open the door to a unique work environment. It will give you job satisfaction and excellent development opportunities, plus a competitive salary, equivalent of 25 days paid holidays (rising to 30 days after 3 years' service) and 11.5 public holidays a year – pro rata for part time staff.

In addition we offer a great benefits package to our employees which includes:

- flexible working hours (where appropriate)
- special leave
- maternity/paternity leave
- adoption leave
- reimbursement for relevant professional subscriptions
- support for further education and personal development
- study leave for work related courses
- access to a learning resource centre

### Health and welfare

We offer you access to:

- our Employee Assistance Programme – for confidential advice and counselling
- an occupational sick pay scheme
- discounts at some local authority leisure facilities
- access to a free Headspace membership
- interest free loans for bicycles and annual travel passes (see 'season ticket' below)
- reasonable adjustments when needed, as part of our Equalities policy

### Staff discounts

You will receive:

- free entry to all of our properties (with up to three guests)
- free entry to English Heritage, Manx and Cadw properties
- 20% off purchases in our retail outlets

### Season tickets

You can receive an advance to help with the cost of buying an annual season ticket for travel between home and work. The advance is then repaid from your salary over the life of the season ticket. Available to all permanent and fixed-term staff.



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## How to apply for this post

You can apply on-line by visiting our website at <https://applications.historicenvironment.scot/>.

We are looking for you to complete a statement of competence looking at the essential and desirable requirements of this role. Guidance on completing the application can be found in the 'Guidance notes for applicants' document, also available at the above website, which we recommend that you read, in conjunction with this Job Description.

Your application must arrive by the advertised closing date. Please note that when applying online, we will only be able to see your application once you fully submit it.

Please contact us if you need the job description, person specification and / or application form in an alternative format or if you require any other adjustments because of a disability. HES is committed to making reasonable adjustments and is happy to answer any questions you may have about the recruitment process in order that you can identify any adjustments that may be required.

If you are unable to complete an online application form, please email [CDsouthadmin@hes.scot](mailto:CDsouthadmin@hes.scot), quoting the job title and recruitment reference, and we will arrange for an application form to be sent to you.

Please note that, as we operate an electronic recruitment system, we will contact you via the email address that you provide in your application to inform you of the outcome of your application.

For further information about the post, please contact Rachel Sydeserff, District Visitor and Community Manager, by email at [rachel.sydeserff@hes.scot](mailto:rachel.sydeserff@hes.scot).

We welcome all applicants from under-represented groups within HES. We know from our [equality monitoring](#) that we need to increase our diversity in terms of ethnicity and disability. We also want to address occupational areas where the ratio is disproportionately in favour of women or men. We ask all applicants to complete the Equality Monitoring section of the recruitment paperwork to help us pursue a diverse and inclusive workforce. In support of our Gaelic language plan we welcome applications from Gaelic speakers.

HES is committed to not only avoiding unlawful discrimination against people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, but also to positively promoting equality and doing more than equality law requires.

Thank you.

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