

Introduction to the Friends of Shaftesbury Abbey

You may be interested to know that the site was a privately owned garden until 1985, when it was brought and reorganised as a trust. Since 1931, the then owners had a small museum built for the accumulation of finds and this building was opened to visitors.

The new museum seen today was built with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Grant and opened in May 1999 by the Archaeologist, broadcaster and writer, Julian Richards.

Our main support comes from volunteers.

Stewards play a very important role by managing the reception desk from Monday to Friday, ensuring the museum stays open.

They meet and greet visitors from 10 am to 5 pm in three shifts. To find out more contact Keith Davies, Manager, Tel: 01747 853428.

The peaceful garden is set amongst the stones of the Abbey church. Planting reflects the Anglo Saxon to early Tudor period.

Volunteers maintain the garden throughout the year under the direction of Peter Holloway, Director of the

Garden, and his team. To find out more Tel: 01747 852194.

The museum qualifies as a registered museum under the national Museum Libraries and Archives Council.

This means that **the museum collection** must be recorded in accordance with recognised standards.

We are working towards a more complete interpretation of the Abbey's stones. Volunteers are working to put the collection of stones together in groups.

There is an extensive **specialist library** of texts relating the Abbey's history. Contact the Abbey Office for an appointment.

Our **gift shop** is carefully stocked and run to provide a vital extra income for the Abbey.

We **market the Abbey**, Museum and Garden to make sure visitors get the best out of their visit.

Anna McDowell is our Director responsible for marketing. If you would like to help with our marketing initiatives please telephone 01747 852910.

Our events programme includes living history events, open air theatre in the grounds and lectures.

How you can help ...

Shaftesbury Abbey Museum and Garden is self-supporting charity run by volunteers, and relies on the income generated from admission fees, profits from the shop, events and the support of the Friends.

Without the help of Friends and volunteers the Board could not afford to open the Abbey everyday from April to October.

Being a Friend of Shaftesbury Abbey is open to all and entitles members to:

- Free entry to the site during opening hours.
- The right to elect members to the Board
- Stand for office yourself (if over 18)
- Discounted tickets to events
- A tri-annual newsletter
- Free entry to Gold Hill Museum

Membership runs from January to the end of December. There is a choice of three categories of membership – Life, Individual and Joint (two people at one household). Notification of renewal of your annual subscription will be sent to you in November.

Use the form overleaf to join now.

I would like to become a Friend of
Shaftesbury Abbey

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Address.....
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Postcode.....
Telephone.....

Membership Category

- Life Membership
- £60 per person
- Individual Annual Membership
- £6 per person
- Joint Annual Membership
- £10 for two people at same address ..
- Family Annual Membership
- £14 for two adults and their children ..

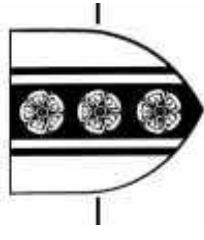
I am interested in volunteering, and would like to know more. I am interested in ...

- Museum steward
- School visits
- Conservation
- Adult visits
- Gardening
- Events
- Raising Funds

Please make cheques payable to *Friends of Shaftesbury Abbey* and hand in with the form to the front desk or post it to:

Membership Secretary at Shaftesbury Abbey Museum & Garden
Park Walk, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8JR
Thank you for helping to keep Shaftesbury Abbey open.

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