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Boat Steward, Inchmahome Priory

Closing date: 12 January at midday

Expected Interview Date: week commencing 26 January 2026

Recruitment Reference:
256

Salary:
£25,770 pro-rata (proportionate to hours worked and length of contract)

Pay Band:
Grade 1

Location:
Inchmahome Priory, Boatshed,
Port of Menteith, By Kippen,
Stirling, FK8 3RA

Line Manager:
Simon Lennox, Monument
Manager

Contract Type:
Part Year Permanent

Working Hours:
3 Vacancies:

- 2 X 21hrs/week (ave 3 x 7 hr shifts) Apr-Sep & 18 hrs/week (3 x 6hr shifts) last 2 weeks in Mar & Oct
- 1 X 28hr/week (ave 4 x 7hr shifts) Apr-Sep & 24hr/week (4 x 6hr shifts) last 2 weeks in Mar & Oct

Shifts start 9am and end at 5pm Apr-Sep (4pm Mar and Oct). All roles include public holiday and weekend working. The team will help shape the rota, balancing business needs with colleague wellbeing.

Your role of Boat Steward will be a part year permanent position from last two weeks of March until 31 October annually. The likely start date for this role is 16 March 2026.

Are you looking for a flexible seasonal job that is both fun and unique? You'll get an insight into Scotland's rich history and gain valuable experience in the tourism industry and help bring Scotland's dramatic history to life for our visitors from across the world. Explore the fascinating stories from Scotland's past and share your passion with international and local visitors who come to Inchmahome Priory during the season.

This role differs to most other HES stewarding roles, as it involves boat operations, appealing to candidates who enjoy the outdoors, as well as undertaking practical tasks such as operating a generator and water pump to ensure the island utilities remain working. The attraction supports the tourism sector in the Trossachs and is on many visitors' 'Must see' list. Historically Inchmahome experienced visits from King Robert the Bruce and saw Mary Queen of Scots find safety and sanctuary as a child.

The priory is located on an island in Scotland's only Lake, and you will be responsible for transporting visitors to and from there. In addition to the boat trip, visitors to the site are attracted by its Natural heritage (three Spanish chestnuts on the island are listed among Scotland's top 100 trees) and birdlife (Ospreys can often be seen flying over or feeding at the Lake).



Benefits of working with HES

Generous Holiday Allowance: 25 days annual leave plus 11.5 public holidays (pro-rata based on hours and contract length)

Civil Service Pension: Employer contribution of 27% of your annual salary

Free Site Entry: Complimentary access to Historic Environment Scotland sites (with up to three guests), and all English Heritage, Manx, and Cadw properties

Retail Discounts: Savings at hundreds of online retailers

Travel & Cycle Support: Interest-free loans available for bicycles and annual travel passes

Overview of the role and more about my team

This is an exciting opportunity to work for the lead body responsible for the historic environment in Scotland. In your role of Steward 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, transporting them to and from the island, 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. You will be part of a team of 5 boat stewards, led by Inchmahome's Monument Manager, Simon Lennox.

The team sits within the Mid District of Central Region's Visitor & Community Team (in the Operations directorate). The district is comprised of twenty-six monuments, of which ten are staffed (including Inchmahome). Other staffed properties within the District include Castle Campbell, Doune Castle, Dunblane Cathedral, Elcho Castle, Huntingtower Castle, Lochleven Castle, Meigle Sculptured Stone Museum, Stanley Mills and St Serfs Church.

What will my role involve and what will be my responsibilities?

- Provide the warmest welcome to our visitors and engage proactively with 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.
- Work as a team to achieve quality assurance Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- Actively support in HES seminars, events, functions and promotions.
- Deliver guided tours/talks as part of the core visitor experience.
- Proactively communicate with colleagues across the site to ensure high performance, standards and consistency
- Support the Monument Manager on partnership and community engagement initiatives and projects, including volunteering, weddings and other events

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- Working together with your monument team to achieve overall commercial performance targets.
- Promote commercial opportunities within the monument, such as upcoming events and retail products where appropriate.
- Assist Monument Manager to ensure accurate stock management and assist with stock ordering and deliveries as required.
- Ensure the security of the site, buildings and contents, including acting as key holder (where required)
- Prepare the boats and transport visitors to and from the site.
- Be ready to work outside in all kinds of weather.
- Ensure that the health and safety of staff, visitors and contractors is paramount at all times and follow correct procedures to ensure safe operation of any equipment

Knowledge, skills and experience

To apply for this role, we are looking for you to demonstrate examples of how you meet the following requirements in your Cover Letter ([guidance can be found here](#))

Essential requirements:

- Experience delivering high standards of customer service in a fast-paced environment.
- Excellent team working skills.
- Cash handling experience or willingness to undertake training.
- A genuine interest for working in the heritage tourism industry.
- Ability to work independently at times.
- IT skills and the ability to use basic online functions

Desirable requirements:

- Knowledge of the monument(s) and surrounding area.
- Previous experience communicating to large groups of people (Guided Tours).
- An existing first aid qualification, or willingness to be trained in first aid skills.
- Experience of operating boats (not essential as training is provided if required for role).

Our Interview Process

If you have been shortlisted for this role, we will send you an email to invite you to meet with us for an interview. This will take place either in-person or by video call (we will let you know which one in advance). Our panel will ask you some questions to get to know you and better understand how you meet the key competencies and behaviours of the role that you are applying for. This is also an opportunity for you to know the team better and make sure that we are the right choice for you



There may be a task included in the interview, which is relevant to the role you are applying for. If this is the case, we will let you know what to expect beforehand. Should you be shortlisted for interview, we will send you out the key questions in advance to help you prepare. Your questions will be based on the following selected key requirements of the post:

Key Competencies:

- **Delivering excellent Service** – Demonstrating a commitment to quality services
- **Communication** - Communicating appropriately and clearly
- **Knowledge & Expertise** - Applying and developing knowledge and expertise to achieve results

Key Behaviours:

- **Taking personal ownership** – We are the 'local experts' in our area. Recognising this expertise and feeling empowered to make decisions and owning the issues to deliver the bigger picture.
- **Learning as we work** – Ensuring we are all accountable for our own personal growth and learning. Ensuring we reflect on these moments and are brave enough to seek them out and grow with our changing world.
- **Exploring challenges together** - Collaborating with others to solve problems to ensure the highest quality results. Owning our learnings and behaviours together rather than defending or attributing blame.



How to apply for this post

You can apply online by visiting our [vacancy page](#) on the Historic Environment Scotland website. If you are unable to complete an online application process, please email centralrecruitment@hes.scot, quoting the job title and recruitment reference, and we will arrange for an application form to be sent to you. Alternatively, you can call 0131 668 8600 to request this.

Guidance on completing your application can be found in the 'How to Apply' section in the Job Summary, please ensure that you read this to understand what should be included in your cover letter. If you are applying internally, please read our CV and Cover Letter Guidance included in the advert under the section 'Key requirements of the role'

Please state which role(s) you are interested in being considered for (the single 4 day post or one of the two 3 day posts available). If both appeal, please list these in order of preference:

Number of posts	Contract Type	Working hours (average/wk)	Duration	Average working days/week	Anticipated hours of work
1	Part Year Permanent	28	Apr-Sep	4 days x 7h	9am-5pm
		24	Mid March & Sep	4 days x 6h	9am-4pm
		24	Oct	4 days x 6h	9am-4pm
2	Part Year Permanent	21	Apr-Sep	3 days x 7h	9am-5pm
		18	Mid March & Sep	3 days x 6h	9am-4pm
		18	Oct	3 days x 6h	9am-4pm

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 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 Joyce Kitching, District Visitor & Community Manager Central Mid, via email on joyce.kitching@hes.scot, or by calling 0777 553 5452) or Liam Robertson, Roving Manager on liam.robertson@hes.scot or call 07778 593 895.

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