

Role: Visitor Services Assistant - Catering	Region: Edinburgh & East
Reports to: Visitor Services Supervisor	Pay Grade: Grade 1 - £13.45 per hour
Location: Bessie's Café, Culross, Fife, KY12 8JH	Type of Contract: Fixed-Term Until 31 October 2026. Part-Time, 8 Hours Per Week. <i>Work pattern is to be agreed and will include regular weekend working. More hours worked may be required so some flexibility will be required.</i>
Activity Code: TRZ	Cost Centre: 3CUR

JOB PURPOSE

As a member of our Visitor Services team your job is to give visitors from across the globe a warm welcome to Culross and help generate the income that enables us to care for The Royal Burgh of Culross.

Visiting Bessies Cafe is an essential part of the visitor experience and the role of the Visitor Service Assistant – Catering is to make it a positive and memorable part of a visitor's day with us.

You'll help us maximise sales through excellent customer service and product knowledge, taking pride in presentation and effective behind-the-scenes processes.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

- To provide a consistently high standard of visitor care at all times.
- Welcoming all visitors to the site and processing their catering purchase in a friendly, efficient and knowledgeable manner.
- Assist in food preparation and stock management.
- Answering visitors' queries about the catering offer, deals, seating, and ingredients.
- Checking on how visitors are enjoying their experience of catering at Culross and enquiring whether all their needs are met.
- Promoting the National Trust for Scotland and the benefits of membership of it.
- To maintain excellent standards of site and personal presentation at all times
- The general ongoing operational cleaning of all areas as necessary
- Wearing correct uniform, name badges, or PPE as required.
- Support day to day catering operation including the preparation and cooking of soups and baked goods.

SCOPE OF JOB

Customer Service

- Regular interaction with members of the public of all ages and abilities, many from overseas and many National Trust for Scotland members.

Teamwork

- Regular interaction with employee and volunteer colleagues to share daily tasks and support a smooth visitor operation.

Sales, stock and financial processes

- Help achieve sales targets and membership recruitment targets.
- Operate tills and share end of day cash reconciliation duties, as appointed by Visitor Services Supervisor.

Tools/equipment and cleaning chemicals

- Occasional user of cleaning chemicals.
- Expected to become familiar with and comply with the property's Health and Safety policies.

The current duties of this job **do not** require a criminal records (Disclosure Scotland) check to be carried out.

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Essential:

- Ability to work within a team or independently, with minimal supervision, to a high and safe standard.
- Ability to be flexible and adapt working patterns and tasks to meet day-to-day variations in property needs.
- Ability to adjust pace to match customer flow without compromising quality of service.
- Excellent front of house persona - warm, welcoming, patient and understanding.
- Excellent selling skills.
- Genuine belief in the value of good customer service.
- Ability to be proactive and to take the initiative.

Desirable:

- Basic Food Hygiene Qualification.
- Demonstrable experience in sales with experience of EPOS systems and cash handling/reconciliation.
- Previous experience in preparing and cooking food.

The Key Responsibilities, Scope of Job, and Required Qualifications, Skills, Experience & Knowledge reflect the requirements of the job at the time of issue. The Trust reserves the right to amend these with appropriate consultation and/or request the post-holder to undertake any activities that it believes to be reasonable within the broad scope of the job or his/her general abilities.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should forward their Curriculum Vitae (CV) or an Application Form to the People Services Department (Applications) by email via workforus@nts.org.uk by Wednesday 19th August 2026.

Please ensure your CV includes your full name and contact details, the CV file sent to us should be titled your first initial and surname. When submitting your CV please state the position and job location of the vacancy you are applying for in the subject title or body of your email: For example, "VSA Catering – Bessie's Cafe"