

Volunteer role

Heritage Guide



What does a Heritage guide do?

Southport is full of historic streets and buildings with fascinating stories to tell about people and events of the past. But it's easy to walk past unawares, so the role of Heritage guide is to bring the past to life and tell a lively, clear and historically accurate (that doesn't exclude a good myth!) story of Southport's heritage, especially buildings. Guides might lead a tour or be stationed in a historic location or welcoming people at an event. There might be dressing up – but it's not obligatory!

What's in it for you?

- Learning more about Southport's heritage and sharing your knowledge
- Meeting people and keeping them interested and entertained
- Satisfaction of promoting Southport as a fascinating historic seaside resort
- Experience relating to careers in heritage

What's involved?

- Delivering an interesting and engaging tour or having conversations about Southport's historic townscape and heritage with small groups and individuals
- Maintaining the safety of a group in line with risk assessments
- Keeping to a schedule and to an agreed script or messages
- Maybe dressing up – or wearing Townscape Heritage identifiers

This role will appeal to you if ...

- you enjoy meeting people and sharing your enthusiasm for Southport's heritage
- you'd like to use or develop skills in telling a good story and communicating information
- you are comfortable with talking to groups and managing their safety on a tour

More information

Where – Southport town centre or at Southport events.

Time commitment – a few hours at a time for guiding or training. Specific dates include Heritage Open Days every September and key Southport events.

Training/Resources – guiding and storytelling skills

About Southport Townscape Heritage Project

The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Sefton Council to support investment in Southport's historic buildings and inspire engagement through community activities. The focus is on the town centre bounded by the Promenade, Lord Street, Coronation Walk and Bold Street, but takes in the town's wider heritage as a seaside resort and place to live.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.

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