

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Ticket Sales Assistant

DEPARTMENT: Royal Collection Trust

SECTION/BRANCH: Visitor Experience

LOCATION: Windsor Castle

REPORTING TO: Assistant Admissions Managers

Job Context

Royal Collection Trust is a department of the Royal Household and the only one that undertakes its activities without recourse to public funds. It incorporates a charity regulated by the Charity Commission and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, The Royal Collection Trust, and its subsidiary trading company, Royal Collection Enterprises Limited.

Royal Collection Trust is charged with the care and preservation of the Royal Collection and its presentation to the public. The Royal Collection is one of the largest and most important art collections in the world. It comprises almost all aspects of the fine and decorative arts, runs to more than a million objects and is spread among some thirteen royal residences and former residences across the UK. At The Queen's Galleries in London and Edinburgh and in the Drawings Gallery at Windsor Castle aspects of the Collection are displayed in a programme of temporary exhibitions. Many works from the Collection are on long-term loan to institutions throughout the UK, and short-term loans are regularly made to exhibitions around the world as part of a commitment to broaden public access and to show parts of the Collection in new contexts. The works of art in the Royal Collection are held by The Queen in trust for her successors and the nation.

Royal Collection Trust is responsible for the management and financial administration of the public opening of Buckingham Palace (including The Queen's Gallery, the Royal Mews and Clarence House), Windsor Castle (including Frogmore House) and the Palace of Holyroodhouse (including The Queen's Gallery). The monies generated from admissions, and from associated commercial activities are invested in the care and conservation of the Royal Collection and the promotion of access and enjoyment through exhibitions, publications, loans and educational activities.

The Visitor Experience Strategy sets out the systems through which an exceptional visitor experience is delivered (staff, setting and process) and the Quality Standards against which all aspects of the visitor experience are measured (friendliness, safety, presentation, accessibility and efficiency).

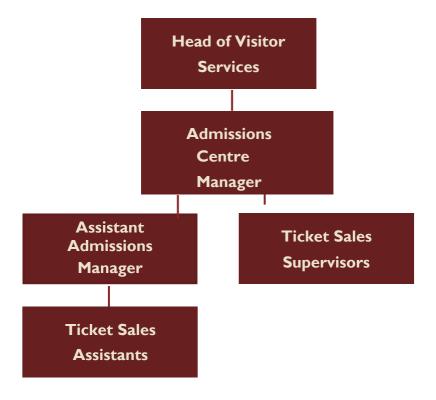
The Visitor Office at Windsor Castle is responsible for managing public access to the Windsor Castle and to the annual summer opening of Frogmore House. The Castle admits approximately 1.4 million visitors per annum.



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Organisational Chart



Job Purpose

To provide an efficient and courteous service to members of the public visiting Windsor Castle

The post-holder will be rostered to work in the Admission Centre or, on an occasional basis at the Ticket sales point during public open days at Frogmore. In all cases, the post-holder will be responsible for the effective sale of tickets and related admission items for Windsor Castle and Frogmore House and for informing visitors of current viewing options/restrictions

Principal Accountabilities

Staff

• To have a broad knowledge of information that visitors to Windsor Castle may require and to deal with their queries/problems efficiently.

Setting

To maintain a welcoming environment and to ensure the highest standards of visitor care.

Process

• To sell tickets and souvenir guidebooks using an electronic till system to handle cash and credit card transactions;





- To respond to enquiries from customers, face to face, at the ticket counters in an efficient and courteous manner:
- To achieve targets and KPIs for gift aid conversions, souvenir guide book sales and cross-sales;
- To check the till float each morning and to ensure that all monies or vouchers reconcile with the computer printout at the close of day;
- To ensure that monies received throughout the day are kept secure and removed to the Ticket Office safe when necessary;
- To promote ticket sales for entry to all other Royal Collection Trust sites in a pro-active manner;
- To ensure the sales area has sufficient stock of tickets, leaflets and Visitor Information wallets;
- To report any maintenance required or lost property to the appropriate supervisor;
- To be aware of good security procedures and emergency evacuation procedures/fire alarms and to act accordingly if an emergency should occur;
- To undertake any other duty as may be reasonably requested.

Job Dimensions

The post-holder has no line management or budgetary responsibility.

Decision Making Responsibilities

The post-holder has no decision making responsibility but will be expected to resolve simple day-to-day issues.

Practical Requirements

The post-holder is principally based at Windsor Castle, however, on occasion he or she may be asked to work in London.

Person Specification

- Experience of working in a front line, target-driven environment, preferably involving retail or ticket sales;
- A genuine desire to provide excellent visitor care;
- A warm, friendly manner;
- Clear, confident communication and presentation skills;
- Be able to work accurately with figures and maintain attention to detail;
- A commitment to working to high standards;





- The ability to build relationships with visitors and gauge their level of knowledge/interest;
- A reliable and flexible approach;
- A proven ability to work effectively as part of a team, provide support and encouragement to new joiners, and establish good professional relationships with colleagues.