

North Herts Museum update: work experience in archaeology

A guest post by Daisy Bradford, who did four weeks' work experience with the Museum Service in August 2014:

This summer holiday just past, I spent four weeks doing voluntary with the North Herts Archaeology Service because I have a passion for archaeology and I plan to study it at university when I complete my A-Levels.

In my four weeks with the local archaeologists and museum workers in North Hertfordshire, I learned a lot of things and gained a lot of experience that will aid me in my future ambitions and also as useful life skills. I spent a lot of time with artefacts, holding them, observing them, classifying, photographing, cleaning and it really enabled me to have a close insight into the archaic culture of our ancestors that you won't get from visiting a museum.

I also got to go on a few site visits to current commercial digs throughout the county, which was fascinating for me, who'd never seen a real dig let alone got to go on one and see how they are organised and all the amazing things the archaeologists find and it showed me how incredibly rich the history is just outside my front door.

This experience has been a great one for me and I've earned many skills and a deeper understanding of the study of Archaeology, as well as increasing my passion for it.

I'd also like to say thanks to Keith and Ros, who made sure I was doing all my work right and made the experience even more enjoyable.

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