



**MUSEUM
OF CARPET
KIDDERMINSTER**

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The Museum of Carpet Centre of Heritage, Art and Industry

The Museum of Carpet is the only museum in the UK dedicated to telling the story of carpet making and exploring the legacy of this global trade, both in the town of Kidderminster and the UK as a whole. Kidderminster was recognised as the Woven Carpet Capital of the World, the town has been the centre of the carpet industry since the early 1700s.



Through a series of displays, interactives and working demonstrations, the Museum keeps alive the heritage of carpet making. It explores the social and industrial history, the art and design elements of carpet creation and the science, technology and manufacturing prowess of the industry in the UK.

In addition, the Museum has a temporary exhibition space, meeting rooms and event spaces, an extensive archive of 26,500 objects and a two managed office spaces, which are currently let to Ulster Carpets UK design studio and the National Carpet Cleaner's Association head office. The Museum is managed by a Board of Trustees, responsible for operational, strategic and financial decision making, supported by two part time Museum staff and over 45 volunteers. Additionally, there is an active and engaged Friends of the Museum group.

Developed through a £1.9 million Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project, the Museum was the result of many years of hard work by a small group who formed the original Museum Trust. They were successful in securing HLF monies to create and develop the current facility, which opened in October 2012 and is now entirely self-funded. The project put Kidderminster on the map as a site of importance.

As a centre of expertise in the carpet industry the Museum consistently receives excellent visitor feedback and has won numerous tourism awards. The Museum is also a centre of learning and delivers a vibrant programme of group and school visits, and creative workshops. The collection is accessible for research, education and exhibitions, and is available on-line through the website. The permanent displays are interactive and engaging and the temporary exhibition programme is growing. At the heart of the Museum are two unique heritage looms on which volunteers weave carpet, giving demonstrations and talks to visitors. The Museum serves the local community by running classes and workshops for specific groups, for example those living with dementia and their carers. We have attracted a large team of enthusiastic and skilled volunteers. Working with many local and national partners the ambition and reputation of the Museum is growing.

A gem. Lovingly appointed – the working machines are a delight. Contemporary history well told. Wonderful and most helpful staff. Delighted!

Visitor comment

Front of House Volunteer

The Museum of Carpet is looking for outgoing, friendly people who would enjoy meeting and greeting visitors to the Museum.

No experience is necessary for this role.

No long term commitment necessary.

Suitable candidates should be:

- Available one morning a week, 9.30am – 2pm.
- A friendly, welcoming character who enjoys meeting people and is happy talking to visitors.
- Able to work in a team, providing excellent visitor experience.
- Happy to answer the telephone and deal with enquiries.
- Confident dealing with email enquiries.
- Willing to keep the shop and reception area clean and tidy.

For more information please call 01562 69028 or email enquiries@museumofcarpet.org.uk

To apply please complete the application form attached and return it to Sue Hetherington manager@museumofcarpet.org.uk