**THE MERCIAN REGIMENT MUSEUM (WORCESTERSHIRE)**

**ROLE: TRUSTEE (VOLUNTEER)**

The Museum collects and preserves the history, traditions and achievements of the Mercian Regiment and its antecedent components (the Worcestershire Regiment and the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment).

The Museum exists to tell the story of these Regiments’ history and achievements by displaying the Regiment's collection of artefacts from its formation in 1694 to the present day for the education and inspiration of the residents of the County, present members of the Regiment, those further afield with a specialised interest and visitors to the area.

The Worcestershire Soldier gallery housed in the Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum in Foregate Street, Worcester is the public face of the Museum – see <https://worcestershireandmercianregimentmuseum.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/WorcestershireSoldier/> . In 2018 about 15,000 people visited the gallery. The archive and office are at Dancox House Army Reserves Centre, Pheasant Street, Worcester.

The Museum is a registered charity (number 276510). It is governed by a board of trustees and employs a professional curator and assistant. Currently 30 volunteers assist in research and the organisation and care of the collection. It has an annual turnover of c£80,000 and reserves of c£800,000. Further details including the latest accounts can be found at <https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=276510&subid=0>. The Museum is fully accredited with the Arts Council and the Army Museums Ogilby Trust.

The Museum is now looking to recruit two further trustees in order to add to its expertise in one or more of the following areas of skills and knowledge: finance, marketing, fundraising, the use of IT and social media, events management, retail management, managing restructuring and change. An interest in military history and/or the armed forces is an advantage – but previous military service is not required.

We are looking for individuals with a strong track record in strategy-development, leadership and general management, and who are confident in holding senior leaders to account and are willing and able to ask challenging and difficult questions. A history of working in strong local networks in Worcestershire is desirable.

Trustees are collectively and individually responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the trust, developing its aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document and charity law. As well as attending quarterly board meetings in Worcester, Trustees are asked to commit at least an hour a month in assisting in the effective governance of the museum. The role of a trustee is wholly voluntary.

Please apply in writing, including a CV or biography, along with a covering letter setting out how you feel your experience and skills will contribute to the future success of the Museum, to me at: museummercian@btconnect.com or by post to: Chairman of Board of Trustees, The Mercian Regiment Museum (Worcestershire), Army Reserve Centre Dancox House, Pheasant Street, Worcester WR1 2EE

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