



Job Description

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Role: Retail and Commercial Services Assistant	MNH Division: Operations
Reports to: Retail and Commercial Manager.	Pay Band: D 100 / Pay Band 2 £24,556 to £27,075
Location: Manx Museum, Douglas or House of Manannan, Peel Isle of Man <i>This role will involve occasional travel to other MNH sites.</i>	Type of Contract: Permanent

BACKGROUND

Manx National Heritage (MNH) exists to take a lead in protecting, conserving, making accessible and celebrating the Islands' natural and cultural heritage for current and future generations whilst contributing to the Island's prosperity and quality of life. MNH has a key role to play in promoting and enhancing the Isle of Man's Heritage, ensuring our places and spaces attract and inspire all those who engage with our Island's built and natural heritage.

Manx National Heritage is the trading name of the Manx Museum and National Trust, a Charity registered in the Isle of Man, operating at arms' length from Government and sponsored by the Department for Enterprise. The charity is responsible for, and holds in Trust, the Isle of Man's national collections and archives. In addition to an annual grant from the Isle of Man Government, MNH has responsibility for self-generated income, to ensure adequate funds to carry out its statutory obligations and charitable purpose. MNH generates its own funds through commercial trading operations and donations and also receives an annual grant from the Isle of Man Government, contributing towards fulfilling its statutory remit for the care of the Island's heritage.

MNH manages c2500 acres of Manx Museum and National Trust land together with 11 principal visitor admission sites, a range of buildings and a number of field monument sites. MNH's digital platforms play a significant role in ensuring our national heritage becomes more relevant to more people. The iMuseum provides free and growing online access to parts of the Manx National Heritage Museum Collections, Manx National Heritage Library & Archives and the Isle of Man Sites & Monuments Record.

JOB PURPOSE

The Retail and Commercial Services Assistant position provides an exciting and varied role with responsibility for delivering an exceptional retail experience to all visitors, ensuring they have an enjoyable and memorable experience from the moment they arrive to the moment they leave our sites.

Motivated by achieving targets, the Retail and Commercial Services Assistant will actively promote ways to support MNH and to effectively communicate our important work conserving, protecting and promoting the heritage of the nation. The post holder will contribute to the achievement of set income targets by maximising retail sales, admission sales and donations and will make a valuable contribution to furthering the work of the Charity.

The post holder will be a team-player with an energetic positive 'can-do' outlook as well as a self-starter and finisher. Flexible across all aspects of the heritage site's needs, this position will be involved in all the different aspects of the visitor experience including supporting events and group visits as appropriate while always delivering outstanding customer service. Based primarily at the Manx Museum or House of Manannan, flexibility will be required to provide support at other Manx National Heritage sites.

Note: this is a physical role which involves the majority of the day on foot. There will be manual lifting and moving of items on a daily basis. The post holder may be outside and moving between workstations frequently and be physically able to carry out the requirements of the job role.

Like all staff, the post holder will be required to maintain their mandatory training.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Retail Assistant will:

- Provide an engaging retail experience to all visitors;
- Deliver outstanding, proactive customer care at all times in all areas;
- Be a professional ambassador of Manx National Heritage by promoting the charity and cause of Manx National Heritage and its' sites to a high standard;
- Provide a responsive, friendly and efficient service tailored to the needs of both individual visitors and tour groups;
- Listen and respond openly to visitor comments. Actively feedback visitor comments to line managers to develop and improve offer, service, operations;
- Support the efficient running of the museum shop, including opening and closing procedures and till cover, in accordance with IOMG Financial Regulations.
- Have excellent selling skills – adaptable to the customer and product.
- Support income generation by maximising retail sales, ticket sales and donations on site and making a significant contribution to site targets;
- Promote the charity and cause of Manx National Heritage to a high standard;
- Assist with the online shop with processing and fulfilling online orders.
- Ensure that retail visual merchandising is in accordance with MNH policy;
- Actively upsell products and services to facilitate the visitor's enjoyment, through strong product knowledge;
- Adhere to MNH Cash Handling policy accurately processing payments, transactions and reconciliation of tills;
- Adhere to all financial procedures to include till operation and banking and safeguarding of monies;
- Have recent relevant experience in EPOS style till operations;
- Play a key role in the security of the site;
- Ensure safety of visitors ensuring statutory checks are carried out and reported correctly;
- Maintain a high standard of cleanliness and housekeeping on the site;
- Be responsible and proactive. Ensuring all day-to-day tasks are completed as instructed;
- Help prepare all Manx National Heritage sites to re-open for the start of season and assist with close down at the end of season;
- Work flexibly as needed and conduct themselves professionally at all times, with colleagues and visitors;

- Have a good knowledge of, and genuine interest in, Manx history and heritage;
- Be able to take responsibility for your own development and learning;
- Ensure the historic environment is respected and cared for.

DIMENSIONS AND SCOPE OF JOB

Who are we looking for?

- An individual with a track record of professional high class retail service and visitor engagement;
- Someone with an open and friendly disposition;
- Someone who is comfortable and competent with the retail environment, tilling systems and enjoys selling;
- A team player;
- Someone who is self-motivated and takes responsibility for their own work;
- A flexible approach
- Someone with a can-do approach, happy to embrace change and be respectful to colleagues and visitors

Hours – 37 per week on a rota basis covering five days out of seven, including bank holidays.

Location and context – the role is based at the Manx Museum or House of Manannan. However, periods of work at other MNH sites will occasionally be required. The post holder will be able to establish and maintain good, open communications with colleagues across the organisation, as well as travel to other MNH sites to cover shortages when necessary.

Financial responsibilities – the post-holder will ensure adherence to financial procedures and cash handling policy when processing transactions/reconciliation of tills. They will be responsible for accurate till operation and safeguarding of monies and will implement amendments to standard procedures as instructions may require.

Health and Safety – the post-holder will be responsible for their own health and safety and the impact of their actions on others. They will be responsible for identifying any possible risks or near misses in accordance with MNH reporting procedures.

Integrity – Manx National Heritage staff are expected to recognise that public service requires the highest level of personal integrity, and to have a personal responsibility to respect the needs and values of colleagues, visitors and residents.

Performance Management and Improvement – with personal responsibility for performance management, the post holder will be expected to contribute to regular performance development reviews and ensure that they understand and contribute to the delivery of work of the Operations Division within Manx National Heritage as a whole.

The Key Responsibilities, Scope of Job, and Required Qualifications, Skills, Experience & Knowledge reflect the requirements of the job at the time of issue and is not a fixed specification as the scope may change. MNH reserves the right to amend these with appropriate consultation and/or request the post-holder to undertake any activities that it believes to be reasonable within the broad scope of the job or their general abilities and as appropriate to the grade. The job description may be reviewed as necessary to reflect future requirements to enable delivery of the Organisation's needs.

PERSON SPECIFICATION	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Credibility		
5 GCSEs at grade C (4) or above (or equivalent) including English Language and Maths	E	Pre-Employment Checks
Relevant experience of working in a customer facing or retail sales environment	E	CV
Relevant experience of working with Electronic Point of sale (EPoS) and online retail systems	D	CV/Interview
Relevant experience with electronic stock management systems and databases	D	CV/Interview
Experience of income generation through selling or asking for donations	E	CV/Interview
Numerate and able to demonstrate accuracy and attention to detail	E	CV/Interview
Sound IT skills, capable of learning and carrying out accurate computer inputting	E	CV/Interview
Able to communicate clearly, accurately and concisely, both verbally and in writing	E	CV/Interview
Capability		
Physically able to carry out the requirements of the role. This includes lifting, moving, carrying boxes and negotiating steps and stairs.	E	Pre-Employment Checks
Able to work under own initiative as appropriate to grade and can demonstrate successful previous relevant experience	D	CV/Interview
Able to work effectively and collaboratively with colleagues as part of a diverse team, using good interpersonal skills	E	CV/Interview
Experience of cash handling policies	D	CV/Interview
Character		
Self-motivated, hardworking and enthusiastic	E	Interview
Ability to handle normal work interruptions, changes and additions to workload positively	E	Interview
Can do and positive attitude with a pro-active approach	E	Interview

Flexible and adaptable towards duties	E	Interview
Calm and focused under normal work pressures	E	Interview
Co-operative and responsive	E	Interview
Other requirements		
Full, valid driving licence	E	Pre-Employment Checks
Own vehicle for work	E	Interview
Isle of Man Worker	D	Application
Flexible with working hours and location as required	E	Interview
Satisfactory Basic Police Check	E	Pre-Employment Checks