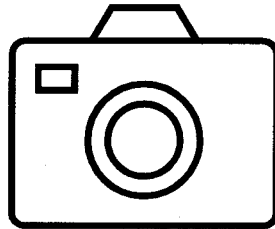


6. Role Profile: Photography and video volunteers for Cranleigh Cottage Hospital



Overview

The plan created by the trustees of the Cranleigh Heritage Trust is to convert the small 15th century structure into a well-being community hub. It will also have discreet sensory heritage displays revealing its unique architectural and medical history. This building is a Time Machine. Recent surveys suggest the building started as a kitchen block for a larger house nearby. Then it became a residential property. By the 18th century it was possibly used by local deacons at the nearby St Nicholas Church. This all changed in the Victorian era when the local vicar Rev Sapte donated the building to Doctor Albert Napper, and it became the world's first ever Cottage Hospital.

Dr Napper's radical concept for treatment for the local rural poor in this cottage, rather than transporting injured patients to big hospitals, had a big impression on the founding of the NHS. The cottage was used as a small hospital ward from 1859 to around 1901 when the Village Hospital expanded into the present NHS site. The Little Cottage became a nurses' rest room and later a storeroom. This autumn there will be a repair and refurbishment of the structure to save the building funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other grants.

There could be up to 5 teams of volunteers working behind the scenes on this project. The main funder and the Cranleigh Heritage Trust would like to have photographic evidence of work in progress by volunteers and experts advising us either on site or in archives or in gardens. We need a couple of volunteers who can supply jpeg images that we can use for progress reports and for social media.

Objectives:

To record work in progress by volunteers during 2025/2026.

The role involves:

- Attending some training sessions in Cranleigh, London or Woking.
- Create an online Jpeg format image library to share with Cranleigh Heritage Staff and graphic designer

- Providing your own camera or a mobile phone with a good lens
- Keeping a log of your working hours

We ask volunteers to:

- Uphold the ethos of the Cranleigh Cottage Hospital when dealing with local people and with other volunteers
- Attend training sessions as necessary
- Adhere to any policies as requested by Cranleigh Heritage Trust staff

Cranleigh Cottage Hospital will:

- Provide wider support as and when needed
- Keep you updated on overall policies, programme of events and exhibitions and other information that might have an impact on your role
- Provide reasonable out of pocket travel expenses

You will enjoy this role if you:

- Are interested in photography
- Have good communication skills
- Enjoy working with others
- Are willing to learn new skills

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