



**Heritage Volunteers
New Project
Expression of Interest Form
From Autumn 2011**

Monmouthshire Museums have invited us to help with two projects that will be run consecutively:

Firstly, at **Monmouth Museum**, the Nelson Collection (some 900 papers/letters) and the Borough Archive need to be re-housed. Both collections consist of papers and some big parchments and are difficult to access at the moment. As space is limited, the Curator, Andrew Helme, is proposing to close an exhibition area for a month (probably October) or so, for this re-housing to take place. As a consequence, he would like the project to take as little time as possible, suggesting a 'blitz approach': it could mean volunteers working every weekday or even in the evenings - on a rota system, I hasten to add!

Secondly, at **Chepstow Museum** we would work on 30 to 40 old architectural plans of local buildings that have just been discovered at Abergavenny Museum. They are in no fit state either to be stored or displayed and need surface cleaning and flattening. We would be taught these techniques in the laboratory at Chepstow and learn to make folders from a template to preserve and store the drawings. Again, space is limited, so we are asked to come in groups of 2 or 3, this time probably on a weekly basis. Laura Caradonna, the Paper Conservator, would teach us and lead the project.

For further information, please contact

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***If you are interested, please cut here and return to Sarah (address above), or E Mail
We will divide into groups, working out a rota system, lifts, transport etc, to suit everyone as best we can***
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Name:

Telephone number:

Address & Post Code:

E Mail:

***Which day(s) of the week would you prefer?
Would you be prepared to work in the evening?
Any comments or suggestions?***

***Please note MDFAS takes out no insurance to cover you for loss or injury whilst taking part in the project. If you want this, you should take out your own insurance.
Please initial here to accept this fact.....***