

## Heritage Volunteers Report June 2023

I would like to record my thanks to my predecessor, Beth Hall, for her hard work as HV Rep, and her detailed hand-over when I took on the role.

The last twelve months has seen a number of projects start/restart following the hiatus of lockdown. These bring together TAS Nottingham and TAS Trent Valley members, as well as volunteers from the host organisations. This collaboration helps to make each project more viable. Moreover, there is very little drop-out from the projects, as the volunteers enjoy both the work and the social interaction.

There are three Book Conservation projects:

**Bromley House Library** – Ongoing since 2016, this project saw Caroline Bendix run a training day for new volunteers last October. There are now four groups of volunteers, rotating on a four-weekly cycle.

**Trent Bridge Library** – Caroline Bendix ran the first training session in October 2022 and a second in April 2023. There are fifteen volunteers, split into three groups. They meet once a fortnight on Mondays, and on alternate Tuesdays.

**Thrumpton Hall Library** – Caroline Bendix ran the first training session in April 2023. The eight volunteers meet twice a month under the leadership of Tessa Day, the TAS Trent Valley HV Rep. The project will take a break during the summer months, when the Hall is in use by the owner and her family.

We also have a Textiles project:

**Wollaton Hall** – The eight volunteers are split into two groups, creating garments for mannequins to be situated in the Tudor kitchens. One group is working on clothes for a child employed to turn the spit, and the other for an under-steward.

We are not looking to start any new projects for the time being, but would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the current work.

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