



Rosalind Pemberton

MUSEUM / HERITAGE ASSISTANT

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PROFILE

History graduate from the University of York with placement experience at the Yorkshire Museum and volunteer work at the Borthwick Institute for Archives. Catalogued 340 objects using SPECTRUM documentation standards in Modes. Led 20 school group tours and assisted with the installation of a temporary exhibition. Experienced in collections management, archival research, and public engagement.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) in History

University of York, York
Sep 2022 – Jun 2025

SKILLS

- SPECTRUM Documentation Standard
- Modes (collections management database)
- CALM (archival cataloguing)
- Object Handling & Condition Checking
- Exhibition Installation Support
- School Group Tours & Public Engagement
- Primary Source Research & Palaeography
- Digitisation (flatbed scanning, metadata)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Social Media Content (museum outreach)

LANGUAGES

- English (native)

REFERENCES

Dr. Katherine Allen

Curator of Archaeology, York Museums Trust
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Dr. Hannah Sherwood

Lecturer in Public History, University of York
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EXPERIENCE

Summer Placement Assistant, Yorkshire Museum (York Museums Trust), York *Jun 2024 – Aug 2024*
12 week placement in the Collections and Learning teams, supporting day to day museum operations and a temporary exhibition.

- Catalogued **340 objects** (ceramics, metalwork, and textiles) in the Modes database following SPECTRUM documentation standards
- Assisted with the installation of the *Viking Voices* temporary exhibition, including object mounting and label writing for **45 display items**
- Led **20 guided school tours** for groups of up to 30 pupils (Key Stage 2 and 3), covering Roman and Viking York
- Developed a **handling session** using 12 replica objects for the learning team's outreach programme

Archive Volunteer, Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York, York *Oct 2023 – May 2024*
Volunteered one afternoon per week in the public reading room and cataloguing team.

- Catalogued **180 items** from a newly deposited parish records collection using CALM software
- Assisted **25+ researchers** with enquiries and document retrieval in the reading room
- Digitised **60 fragile documents** using a flatbed scanner for the preservation access programme

CERTIFICATIONS

Museums Association Associate Member, Museums Association *Jan 2024*

PROJECTS

Dissertation: Local Museums and Post-Industrial Identity in Northern England *Oct 2024 – Apr 2025*
Investigated the role of local authority museums in shaping community identity in three former mining towns in County Durham and South Yorkshire.

- Conducted **18 semi-structured interviews** with museum staff, local councillors, and community members
- Analysed **45 museum interpretation panels** and 3 permanent exhibition narratives for themes of industrial heritage
- Argued that museums which actively co-produced exhibitions with local residents had **40% higher repeat visit rates** (based on published visitor data)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Volunteer Guide, York Minster *Sep 2023 – Jun 2025*

Led public tours of the Minster twice per month, covering architecture, stained glass, and 800 years of history. Spoke to an estimated 1,200 visitors over 2 years.