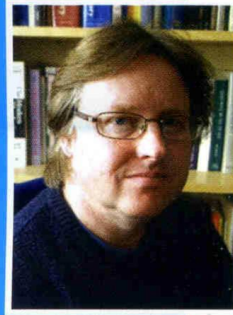


Littlehampton People

MEET MUSEUM VOLUNTEER DAVID AUSTIN

What made you decide to volunteer at Littlehampton Museum?

I hadn't been in work for a while and I had decided to change direction. I was interested in archives so when the opportunity of voluntary work presented itself at Littlehampton Museum I took it. I then began an archives administration course.



How much time do you spend each week volunteering?

I spend from 1.30 – 5 pm every Wednesday at the Museum. I also do a couple of hours every Tuesday over at the County Records Office in Chichester.

What are the benefits to you of volunteering?

Volunteering makes me feel that I am contributing something to the community. It's good to have an interest and to work alongside people who share that interest.

What are the benefits to the Town Council?

The Museum gets practical help, as I practice the skills I am learning on my course. I have recently been learning how to read old handwriting, which has been very useful on a project concerning the early correspondence of Littlehampton businessman George Weller Butt.

What do you like most about the Town?

We have lived here for five years now and we love being so close to the sea. Littlehampton has a lot to recommend it.

How do you like to relax?

I study and write. *Delivered Unto Lions*, my first book, was published towards the end of last year. A factually based novel intended to raise awareness about childrens' mental health care in the 1970s, find out more my website: www.davidaustin.eu ●