

4. Please also supply a breakdown of volunteer activities during 2018-19. I would like to know how many volunteers worked for the museum and how many hours were spent on each specific area of activity.

We have 8 regular volunteers that meet every Wednesday morning in the Museum Store. There were 667 hours of volunteering in 2018-19. Activities include, documentation, collections cleaning, care and research, minor repairs, exhibition building, costume making and family drop-in support. Volunteers also run the programme of winter talks.

We do not count against each area of activity specifically.

Over and above that our Friends Committee have met regularly throughout the year and organised talks and events in the Museum, including helping with Doors Open Day.

We also have an archaeology group that meet on Mondays in the Museum Store. They are working mainly on post excavation material, although sometimes, advice is sought on The Falconer collection.

5. Please also supply data on museum usage. Please supply these figures in appropriate categories including: casual visitors (local/UK/foreign); prearranged visits by individuals and groups; Moray schools visits and outreach; academic researchers in the museum and research enquiries answered by staff; special events including Friends' events.

I presume that this information will be readily available: having already been considered in detail by councillors and officials when making the decision to close the service; and because it is basic information supplied to the council's consultants and to the prospective trusts interested in taking over the Falconer Museum, its buildings and collections.

Direct Usage: Total 6,294 - Museum visits 5039/Visitor information 896/Events participants 359

Website hits: 38,284 / 47,717 including Great Places

Enquiries by email, phone, mail: 269

Outreach: total 5,221 - 206 events/5,221 users

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