



Passport to your future

# First Interview



Historic Site

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The interview was pretty good - it was relaxed and interviewers were friendly. I felt under no pressure.

I would have preferred longer to talk, but I understand that they had a lot of people to interview so time was short. They did give me a chance to ask my own questions which was great. It was one of the nicest interviews I have ever had, and it was lovely to meet the team and have a chance to look round the property. My only concern was that it was very difficult to tell what they were looking for - what would a good candidate look like?

On the whole, a very good experience and made me feel that, even if I am not successful this time, I would really like to work for the National Trust and this is something I will pursue.

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My only comment would be that it was over a little too quickly and could have done with being more

structured. I personally was quite nervous, and by the time I'd 'warmed up' and got into the swing of things, the interview was almost over. I think that for people who are nervous, being asked a few definite questions at the start is quite beneficial and settling. The practical side of the Interview was really well organised, and a really nice touch. Not only did we inevitably learn some new skills and get to know the staff/volunteers/ other interviewees, we also got a little bit of 'behind-the-scenes' access, and left knowing that whatever the outcome of the interview, we'd left our mark there.

I particularly liked the idea of being a part, albeit a small one, of such an incredible, historic site. I travelled a long way to get to my interview, and the inclusion of the practical element bulked out the whole experience and made every pound I paid in travel, completely worth it. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made it so memorable.

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