**Richmondshire Museum: Brief Background**

Each museum is unique and it is the individuality of the Richmondshire Museum that draws outstanding reviews from our visitors. We are small – but much larger than one would imagine from our entrance. Since the Museum’s foundation in 1978, our aim has been to tell the stories of our town and beautiful Swaledale, with exhibits that range from the nationally important – the Catterick Lions, for example, on loan from the British Museum – to artefacts with local relevance. These locally-relevant items do capture national interest, however! We hold the surgery set of the original 1970’s series of *All Creatures Great and Small* and, much more recently, have acquired the exquisite, hand-written diary of Anthony Clarkson, featured in Channel 4’s *Our Farm Next Door* earlier this year. But our core purpose remains: to be storyteller; research and educational resource; and community asset.

Our Management Committee is dedicated, passionate and brings a variety of past and present experience and skills to the table, including: History, Archaeology, Education, Business, Farming and Legal Advice. But, whatever our backgrounds, our single purpose is a commitment to supporting our museum, so that, going forward, it can continue to hold its unique place in the community.

We currently have a creative part-time Curatorial Officer, with long experience in taking our vision into the community. We are now looking for another key position: an Operations Officer. The core purpose of our new team member will be to focus on the smooth running of the museum; and to liaise with the other attractions in Richmond and the several new and major initiatives which will affect our town. The new Operations Officer will be supported as necessary through their induction by members of the Management Committee, each of whom has a designated area of responsibility. We cannot emphasise enough that we are looking for the right ‘fit’ for our team, rather than someone with academic credentials and extensive experience in museum administration.

Applicants are warmly invited to visit the museum.