



## HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Volunteer as a Friend of Hertford Castle**

The Friends of Hertford Castle invite you to attend an Open Evening at Hertford Castle on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about this voluntary organisation and sign up to be a part of it.

The Friends of Hertford Castle are an invaluable group of volunteers who help conduct Castle tours and steward at Castle open days. Set up nine years ago, the volunteers have welcomed thousands of visitors to the castle to explore the grounds, the ancient walls that surround their perimeter and inside the castle.

Membership is free of charge and commitment can vary from stewarding for a two hour period through to becoming a tour guide. Involvement is flexible for volunteers and the group welcomes everyone with an interest in the Castle and its history or who just wants to help in the community. There is no need for prior knowledge of the Castle and its history though, as information is provided.

Primarily, the volunteers assist at Castle Open Days, which are held at Hertford Castle on Sunday between 12noon and 4pm. In 2018, Hertford Town Council plans on holding six open days from May through to October. Some of the friends also lead tours of the Castle during the week, for schools and other groups.

Chairman of the Friends of Hertford Castle, Peter Cooper, said: "We're a friendly group of individuals passionate about history and our town. Hertford is lucky enough to have a Castle with a history dating back over 1000 years, so it's nice to be able to help the public explore it."

At the Open Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> March, visitors will meet other volunteers, enjoy refreshments in the Downshire Suite, be taken on a tour of the Castle and find out more about what's involved in becoming a Friend of Hertford Castle.

If you are interested in attending the evening or for more information, contact Sophie Archer on 01992 552885 or e-mail [Sophie@hertford.gov.uk](mailto:Sophie@hertford.gov.uk)