

Weoley Castle

Weoley Castle is a cherished community site. The ruins are over seven hundred years old and are the remains of a moated medieval manor house that once stood there. It was once protected by its walls but now it is protected by the Castle Keepers. Come rain or shine volunteer Castle Keepers care for the site and do everything from practical maintenance to research and running activities for the local community to enjoy. Thanks to the Castle Keepers visitors can enjoy a whole array of events; making crafts in the community classroom, having a guided tour of the site, and even seeing history brought to life with the annual Living History day. The Castle Keepers have transformed the site and the community's understanding of Weoley Castle, they are hugely valued by Birmingham Museums Trust. However, volunteering is a two way street and there has to be something in it for the team too. Jo, one of our Castle Keepers says "I enjoy the company, the variety of things that we do and the fact that we are out in the open and doing something valuable" and they certainly are. The research they are doing on mason marks will help historians for years to come, the community benefits hugely from having such a great range of family activities on their door step, and visitors from far and wide can benefit from the impact of the maintenance work as the ruins can be viewed from a viewing platform which is open every day.



Volunteer castle keepers at Weoley Castle © Alex Nicholson-Evans, Birmingham Museums Trust

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