

There are three qualified archaeologists on the board of trustees. One is a Visiting Professor of Archaeology at Southampton University and is a qualified museum curator. One specialises in Roman history and pottery. One has a Master's Degree in Archaeology and Heritage plus, she worked for the Project 'Down to the Coast' where she was responsible for administering a small grants programme and overseeing general project delivery. Two of VAT's trustees are trustees of the Association for the Study and Preservation of Roman Mosaics (ASPRM), along with a third trustee they are also trustees of the Friends of Brading Roman Villa, (FBRV).

In a non-heritage role, the Chairman of VAT is the Chairman of a mainland mental health charity specialising in adult education and is used to working on long term projects and the funding of those projects.

#### **VAT trustees have expertise in:**

- Managing charitable trusts.
- Museum management. Curating ancient monuments and their collections. (including Newport Roman Villa and Carisbrooke Castle Museum.)
- Ancient monument conservation.
- Archaeology: qualified to oversee archaeological excavations. Marine archaeology.
- Ancient artifacts identification and dating.
- Ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and interpreting the results.
- Historic research. Publishing research.
- Writing guide books for ancient monuments. (Newport and Brading Roman Villas)
- Education. Adults and Children
- Project management.
- Bid writing and fundraising.
- Events organisation.
- Retail.
- Working in museum environments.
- Working with other Island based heritage charities/organisations.
- Working/collaborating with some of the UKs leading museums and universities.
- Working with visitors to ancient monuments and museums on the Island and the Mainland.

**Volunteers:** Between them VAT trustees have over 60 years of combined experience organising, working with and training volunteers.

Alongside the Trustees there are a number of associate members who have a wealth of experience and skills working in the heritage sector including:

- Producing heritage documentaries for the BBC and others.
- working with adults and children in museums/heritage.
- Front of house and back office in museums.
- Museum/heritage shop management.
- Gardening, with knowledge of Ancient Roman gardens and landscapes.

VAT has a librarian and archivist with a postgraduate qualification in Information Management'. She is currently the archivist for the Association for the Study and Preservation of Roman Mosaics, (ASPRM), and the librarian for the Friends of Brading Roman Villa, (FBRV). VAT has a resident (Consulting) working field archaeologist.