Consultant Specialist Contract, Masefield Matters

Job title: Consultant Specialist, Masefield Matters

Employer: Ledbury Town Council

Location: Ledbury, Herefordshire, UK

Type of job: Flexible

Contract: Freelance

Duration: 12 months (May 2025 – May 2026)

Salary or Salary Range: £7,770. 22 days @ £350pd (includes 2 days to support participants during commission)

Closing date: 16th May 2025 5pm

**Short summary and link for further details**

In the early 20th century John Masefield was a best-selling author. Now his inspirational life and work have largely faded from view. The approach of the 150th anniversary of his birth in Ledbury in 2028 provides the ideal opportunity to rectify this.

The Masefield Matters project will reconnect the people of Ledbury with the heritage that mattered to and inspired Masefield – people and place, the countryside and the sea. This will be largely achieved through a series of community engagement projects involving people who do not normally participate in heritage (familiarisation phase). With their newly gained insight, participants will then be invited to work together to explore how John Masefield should be remembered more permanently in the town of his birth (consultation phase). Once a decision has been reached a maker will be commissioned to create the work by which Masefield will be remembered in the town (commissioning phase).

The Consultant Specialist will be responsible for the consultation phase of the project.
The participants in the projects, with their newly gained insight, will share their experiences and views through a series of facilitated workshops on what form a memorial to Masefield should take, where it should be located (including online) and how they should be involved in its commissioning. This phase will be facilitated by an experienced practitioner and will include opportunities for participants to meet specialists, learn more about the commissioning process, what to include in the brief, to visit artists/makers studios, and to view examples of sculptures or installations or trails elsewhere. They will also assess potential options against the NHLF’s four investments principles and requirements for digital projects (if latter chosen as option). The wider community will be engaged through hands-on activity using various media to explore what a memorial is and what form it might take.

For full details please request a detailed application pack from Angela Price clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk

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