

Who has time for the Queen?



- 1 The Queen is looking for someone with time on their hands to care for more than 1000 royal clocks and watches. Her Majesty is seeking a timepiece expert, officially known as a horologist, to keep things ticking at Buckingham Palace and other residences. The post – advertised on the Royal Household website – involves winding clocks every week, repairing them at once if they break and changing them by an hour twice a year.
- 2 There are 500 clocks at Buckingham Palace, 379 at Windsor Castle and 80 at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, and looking after them is no mean feat. At the end of this month, the Queen's employees will work around the clock to reset hundreds of clocks across the royal estate. Her Majesty has so many ancient timepieces it will take the horologists two days to reset them when the clocks go back an hour. Robert Ball, the collection's senior horological conservator therefore said: 'Clock change weekends are the 38 time for us. The collection contains timepieces with complex mechanisms. Great care has to be taken. Horologists must have a head for heights to be able to work up towers and know how to fix barometers, thermometers and even sundials.'

Applicants should fill out an application form at the Palace website.

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