

Volunteering Matters

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June 1–7 is Volunteers' Week, an annual celebration of volunteers and volunteering, during which voluntary and community groups show how important volunteering is to the community, to service users and to volunteers themselves. One of our events during the week is an Open Evening to promote Eastleigh Youth Centre Volunteering. Do come along and find out what it's all about. Full details below.

The Open Evening is hosted jointly by Hampshire Children's Services, Eastleigh Borough Council and Eastleigh Volunteer Centre, at One Community.

Let us know if you're coming, so we have some idea of numbers, ring the Volunteer Centre on 023 8090 2458.

If you're interested in volunteering for Eastleigh Youth Centres but can't come to the Open Evening, give us a call and we'll make sure you get all the information you need.

OPEN EVENING

**Eastleigh Youth Centre Volunteering
Monday 7 June 2010, 7pm
One Community, 16 Romsey Road,
Eastleigh SO50 9AL**

If you are interested in volunteering in Eastleigh Youth Centres, we'd like to invite you to an Open Evening on Monday 7th June, during Volunteers' Week 2010. The point of the evening is to offer you an opportunity to support young people in their teenage years, working in local youth centres alongside youth workers in Eastleigh, in particular the new youth centre in Eastleigh town centre (Leigh Road) to be opened this autumn.

Come and find out what it's about, whether it's for you, and how to get involved. The Open Evening starts at 7pm and will last about an hour.

Refreshments will be served.



Catch 22 Restorative Justice

Community Placement Volunteers are needed in the Eastleigh area on Monday evenings 4–8pm, and/or Wednesdays 9am–2pm, and/or Fridays 9am–2pm. Volunteers work with disadvantaged young people aged 10–18, supporting them to repair the harm they have done through reparation sessions and overseeing activities agreed to as part of a young person's court order. These might include painting a local youth club, planting a community garden or creating greetings cards to be sold in local charity shops. You will be working directly in the community on a variety of projects, be a valued member of a team of volunteers supporting the Restorative Justice Service and get involved in projects that will help benefit your community. You will find yourself working in a supportive, flexible and varied environment both in and out of doors.

Hampshire Constabulary—a great way to give back to your community!

Police support volunteers are people with the time to give and enthusiasm to make a difference. You don't necessarily need to have any particular skill, although these are welcomed, just a great attitude and community values.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us and help support our policing teams to make Hampshire a better place to live, work and visit. We can give you the chance to make a difference by working in various departments within the organisation. In fact there are 24 different roles that are available for volunteers, these vary from helping your local police officers in the Safer Neighbourhoods teams, to working within our Intelligence Unit, with such a diverse range of departments there should be something to suit you.

A police support volunteer could be:

- A student looking for experience and something valuable for their CV
- Someone in employment and looking for some variety or a change of direction
- Out of work and looking to brush up on work skills or gain some new ones
- Looking to return to the workplace after having or caring for children and wanting to learn new skills
- Retired with skills that could put to good use with us in support of your community

The hours are flexible as we operate 24/7 so evening and weekend work is available as well as weekday, any spare time that you have is valued and appreciated, even if it is just for a couple of hours a month.

We already have a large number of support volunteers; here is what one of our longest serving volunteer's has to say:

'I work in the Priority Crime Unit in Andover for 8 to 12 hours a week, assisting with investigations of high value burglaries throughout Hampshire. Having worked in the antiques business I am able

to give advice on antiques as well as circulate stolen property details to relevant dealers and salerooms. I carry out weekly checks on property stolen from cars and houses and produce data which officers can circulate to pawnbrokers and local dealers. In addition I try to locate stolen property through the internet and elsewhere. It is very satisfying when property is found and returned to the owner.

The police have always provided a good service to me and my family over the years and I want to support them, especially in the current climate of increasing pressures on the police. I enjoy my time at the station and have found officers to be friendly, welcoming and patient. Hopefully the work I do will allow an officer to spend more time out of the office and on the streets. There is work here for volunteers and officers are grateful for any extra help we can give.'

To become a Police Support Volunteer you will need to undergo vetting, this is needed as you will be subject to sensitive information, we will also invite you for an interview to give you the opportunity to ask us questions.

We are also recruiting for Special Constables, these are volunteer police officers that have the same powers as regular police officers and wear the same uniform. Becoming a Special Constable is a little more time consuming than becoming a support volunteer, however, it is highly rewarding and challenging. There is a structured selection and development plan and constant support is provided throughout your time as a special.

For further information please visit our website www.hampshire.police.uk you will be able to download an application pack from here. Or alternatively contact Emily Richards, Extended Police Family Support Coordinator, by e-mailing:

emily.richards@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
or phoning: 023 8074 4691.



Winchester Discovery Centre

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in getting involved with the Winchester Discovery Centre. Further information on request.

Age Concern Chandlers Ford

The current chairman of Age Concern Chandlers Ford is looking for a new deputy chair person to work with him over the next 2–3 years with a view to eventually taking over the chair's role. There will be a gentle lead in over the next couple of years and plenty of opportunity to learn the ropes. The Committee meets every two months in the evening with additional trustee meetings as required. Duties take no more than an hour per week.

BTCV Biodiversity Action Team

Volunteers needed at Fleming Park

The banks of Monks Brook at Fleming Park are being choked by invasive Himalayan Balsam. BTCV is holding two volunteering days to help remove this unwanted invader. If you can spare a few hours and fancy getting outdoors in aid of a good cause please join us:

Date: Thursday 3rd and 10th June 2010

Time: 10am–4pm

Meeting point: Car park C at the back of Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh SO50 9NL

Driver Liaison Officer

Eastleigh Good Neighbours has identified the need for a driver liaison officer to keep volunteer drivers informed about issues affecting the group and the aspirations of the organisation. The officer will ensure that drivers have a voice in these matters and encourage social activity among the group as a whole. The role will be performed in three very practical ways:

- Visiting the drivers (currently 7) monthly and collecting from them the money they have received as donations from the clients they have provided transport to. The visits are an opportunity to receive feedback from the drivers and discuss any issues arising.

- Producing a quarterly newsletter for the group, highlighting information, issues and forthcoming events.
- Attending quarterly committee meetings and providing a verbal report to the committee on any issues raised by the drivers or anything relating to their role.

Oxjam Music Festival Organiser

Successful candidates will organise a local stand alone music event in their town or city during the month of October. You can be as creative as you like to make your event your own. It can be anything from a drum and bass club night, to a salsa evening, from a folk music festival to a dinner party. You will have full artistic license over the genre and theme.

You will manage relationships with venue managers, sound engineers and local artists to organise the logistics for your event and work with local media channels and social networking sites to promote your event.

Whether you are an undergraduate, graduate or someone who is looking to gain experience in music and events, this is a fantastic opportunity to develop your skills whilst supporting an extremely worthy cause.

You will receive free event training from industry experts to help you to plan, promote and fundraise at your event.

You will also be supported by Regional Event Teams and the Oxjam Central Team who will help you to develop the skills you need to put on your event and future events. They will also be on-hand to provide you with advice, contacts and branded materials to make sure your event is a success.



Volunteer Activity Buddies Needed

We are looking for volunteers to support disabled people and help them access sport and physical activity, we just need you to commit to a small number of hours a month—whatever you can manage.

As an 'Activity Buddy' you will be supporting and motivating disabled people into getting active. You don't need any qualifications you just need to be friendly and approachable.

Manor Farm Country Park Volunteers

Manor Farm is a much loved and valued public site managed by Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service. It covers over 400 acres and is designated as a Local Nature Reserve. It also includes a historic working farm and receives many thousands of visitors annually. The park is seeking to recruit volunteers for the following roles:

Conservation Volunteers: on a Tuesday or Sunday to assist with practical countryside maintenance and undertake a variety of tasks from coppicing and scrub clearance to path maintenance and creating wildlife habitats.

Victorian Farmworkers: Dressed in period clothing (which can be supplied) to muck in with general farm duties, including animal welfare, kitchen garden, DIY, machiner maintenance etc.

Country Crafts & Domestic Skills Demonstrators: Dressed in period clothing (which can be supplied) to help with hands on activities and engage with the visitors.

Marwell Shuttle Drivers Needed

Volunteer minibus drivers are needed for a free minibus shuttle service running from Eastleigh Railway Station to Marwell Wildlife on Sundays and Bank Holidays June to September. MIDAS training provided.

Friday Club Helpers—QE2 Activity Centre

On Friday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30pm the QE2 Activity Centre Friday Club is in action. Adults with learning disabilities come along to take part in a variety of activities—including skittles, summer walks, snooker, badminton, table tennis and crafts, to meet friends and have fun.

There are regular discos, occasional day trips and even group holidays to Germany!

Volunteers are needed to help supervise activities and also to help with transport. Can you spare a couple of hours per week to help us with this project?

Volunteers up to joining in some sports activities would be particularly welcome.

Fundraising and Events Assistant

The South Hampshire branch of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with the organising and running of fundraising events, publicity events and collection days. Working with the Chair of the local branch and other volunteers, you will help plan, liaise and work to ensure the successful fundraising and publicity within the branch area.

This can be in the form of car boots, coffee mornings or any other innovative ways you are able to suggest and help organise with your fellow volunteers.



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