

Current Opportunities

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire provides free impartial information advice and guidance about volunteering throughout West Berkshire. At our central offices in Newbury we provide a confidential space where you can chat without obligation about how to get involved in your community. With around 400 different volunteering opportunities we are always able to come up with something fun and interesting for you to consider.

For further information on an opportunity/opportunities in this list, please complete our [online form](#), quoting the relevant reference number/numbers.

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A

Activities Driver West Berkshire



An organisation that supports adults with learning disabilities is looking for a Volunteer Activities Driver. As a driver, you will be enabling the organisation's clients to attend activities such as swimming and horse riding.

Time commitment is 1-3 hours a week. Volunteers are not required to stay for the activity, but are welcome to watch or participate. Volunteers will need a full and clean driving licence. **(Ref: NY1860)**

Activities Volunteer Newbury



Can you make a cup of hot chocolate? Or kick a football? Or help paint nails? Or help young people with job applications? Or just be willing to spend time with young people? Then you could be an ideal volunteer for one of the oldest youth charities in the world.

They run a range of activities for local young people aged 11-25 years including football sessions, pop up youth café, job club for young adults, mentoring sessions for young people and 11 a side men's Saturday football. You will need to be energetic, but have a calm, patient and caring nature. Good communication and non-judgemental listening skills are essential. **(Ref: NY1425)**

Activities Volunteers Newbury



A Newbury-based charity supports people of all abilities and disabilities to achieve, engage and have fun. The charity runs a number of activities throughout the week, and volunteers are required to help with the facilitation of the sessions. Activities include dance, drama, singing, music, film, computing and living skills.

No special skills are needed, just punctuality and a caring attitude. The charity offers a supportive environment for volunteers, who are encouraged to learn skills and share their experiences with others. **(Ref: NY1154)**

Activities volunteers/ befrienders Newbury, Thatcham



An organisation which provides residential care for elderly people is looking for volunteers to help make their residents feel less isolated.

Can you make cards, knit, dance or are you able to listen and talk? You can volunteer for just a few hours to help with an activity, and it does not have to be every week. Some residents are housebound and would love to see a new face. **(Ref Newbury: NY1359, Ref Thatcham: NY1358)**

Activity and Fundraising Co- ordinator Wash Common



A charity has been set up with the aim of reopening a local library, and a volunteer is required to organise fundraising activities to help cover the running costs.

Fundraising could take the form of grant applications, but you would also help raise funds using other methods, such as involving the local community. Part of the role will be researching sources of funding.

The opportunity would suit a proactive individual with excellent written communication skills and an ability to use financial data. The role would be carried out from home, with meetings every four to six weeks with the management committee. **(Ref: NY1875)**

Activity Leaders Cold Ash



Cold Ash is home to an activities centre owned by the Guide Association, and the facilities are used by both the organisation and other groups that work with young people.

None of the activities could take place without the support of enthusiastic volunteer instructors, willing to share an interest in leisure pursuits such as climbing, low ropes, abseiling or archery. Activities are usually run in the spring and summer months, and volunteers will need to have an appropriate qualification in the activity they lead. **(Ref: NY1234)**

Activity, Lunch and Social Club Volunteer Tilehurst



The local branch of a national charity that supports the elderly runs lunch clubs, at which older people can meet up with friends as well as have a meal.

Friendly and caring volunteers are needed to help with the running of the sessions. Responsibilities include setting up, preparing drinks, serving meals, organising games and chatting to clients. The club in Tilehurst runs on Mondays from 10:00 until 2:00. **(Ref: NY1868)**

Administrative Assistant

Theale



A Theale based organisation that supports people with disabilities is looking for a volunteer to provide administrative support in its office.

Activities will include typing up minutes, researching useful contacts, inputting information into spreadsheets, writing some reports and helping with volunteer recruitment procedures.

The role would suit a volunteer with good knowledge of Microsoft Office packages who enjoys being part of a team. Time commitment is one day a week, with times flexible to suit you. **(Ref: NY1839)**

Administrator

Newbury



A local organisation that supports parents and children is seeking a volunteer administrator who can spare 2-3 hours a week on a Tuesday or Thursday to help with admin at their office in Newbury.

The role involves general office tasks such as word processing and photocopying, providing administrative support to other team members, and updating the database and social media accounts.

The ideal volunteer will be IT proficient, have good communication skills and understand the need for confidentiality. **(Ref: NY1889)**

Administrator and Fundraiser

Newbury



A local service which supports those who have experienced domestic abuse is seeking an admin volunteer to help with tasks such as paperwork, data entry, organising electronic files and photocopying. Fundraising is in a development phase and as such, you could also bring more resources to this area.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to assist within the domestic abuse field but may not wish to have direct contact with victims. Time commitment is at least one morning or afternoon a week, ideally for at least a year. **(Ref: NY1693)**

Administrator / Receptionist

Newbury



A local service that supports people experiencing difficulties with alcohol and drug use is seeking a volunteer to provide admin/reception support to its team.

The role would suit a volunteer with good writing, communication and computing skills who can work confidently with Microsoft programs. Days and hours can be flexible to suit your volunteering needs – a day or half day a week would be ideal. **(Ref: NY1795)**

Adventure Cadet Instructors

Thatcham



Do you have military experience or knowledge, as well as a passion to teach young people vital life skills? You could help a cadet group that meets in Thatcham on Tuesday evenings, offering young people aged 8-16 the chance to take part in military style training, together with sport and adventure activities.

If you have a kind nature and the drive to inspire young people as they develop the skills they need to become good citizens, then they would love to hear from you. There would also be the opportunity to get involved with occasional weekend trips. **(Ref: NY1235)**

Advertising Coordinator

Newbury



Are you a good communicator with a few hours to spare each month? The local branch of a national charity which supports parents is looking for a volunteer Advertising Coordinator. The role involves helping the branch raise funds by contacting local businesses about advertising and sponsorship opportunities, for example through their newsletter.

Time commitment is a few hours a month, with more input at certain times, for example when the newsletter is being produced. If you have enthusiasm and initiative, you could help boost fundraising income. **(Ref: NY1056)**

Advocacy Champion

West Berkshire



A charity which offers advocacy to older people, carers and people with disabilities or long-term illness is looking for a volunteer to promote its services in West Berkshire.

As an advocacy champion, you will visit local groups and events to talk about and promote the charity's services. As such, this role requires a good communicator with an interest in empowering those who may be disadvantaged. Time commitment is one to two days a week. **(Ref: NY1681)**

Advocates
West Berkshire



Advocates come from all walks of life and each brings with them individual life experiences and expertise. Many citizen advocates have had no significant involvement with people with disabilities before. Many have found that their long term commitment to a person with disabilities can be a powerful force in that person's life. Advocacy relationships can positively affect the way that a person with disabilities is valued and respected in their community.

Volunteers are being recruited to train as advocates to support adults with learning disabilities in West Berkshire. **(Ref: NY640)**

**Ageing Creatively
Volunteer**
Newbury



Are you passionate about both older people and the arts? A local arts organisation has recently launched a creative programme for people over 55 in West Berkshire, and volunteers are required to help support the sessions.

The sessions explore creative ways for participants to engage in the arts, covering areas as poetry, visual arts and singing. As a volunteer, your role would involve assisting in preparing the room and resources, engaging participants and providing one-to-one support.

The sessions take place on weekdays, and time commitment is one and a half to two hours a week depending on the project. **(Ref: NY1821)**

**Almshouse Charity
Board Member**
Newbury



Do you have a professional background/qualification in accountancy or law? Have you experience of working in, or a strong interest in, the housing sector? A local charity which provides housing for people in hardship is seeking new board members.

Board members are responsible collectively for the charity's governance and legal compliance, and also the care of the property and its residents. The role would suit someone with a track record of successful teamwork, good interpersonal skills and an ability to learn. **(Ref: NY1837)**

**Alternative Therapist
Volunteer**
Newbury



Could you help provide sessions to local people recovering from alcohol and drug misuse? A Newbury-based service is interested in recruiting volunteers from a range of backgrounds who can complement their service.

They are interested in hearing from volunteers who could deliver sessions such as art groups, music therapies, reiki, animal therapies, tai chi, mindfulness or employment skills training. Days and hours are flexible to suit your volunteering needs. **(Ref: NY1794)**

Animal Carer
Great Shefford



The Berkshire branch of a national charity that rescues and rehomes a variety of animals is seeking volunteers to support its work. The centre specialises in taking in older animals that need some extra comfort and TLC - ranging from horses and goats to dogs and cats.

Dedicated volunteers are needed to fulfilling a variety of roles such as assisting with animal care or fundraising at events. No special skills are needed - except for a love of animals! **(Ref: NY196)**

**Animal Team
Volunteer**
Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction is home to various species of fish, primates, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Volunteers with a caring attitude are being recruited to join the organisation's animal team.

Duties include various aspects of animal husbandry, food preparation, enclosure maintenance and lots of physical work. Volunteers must be happy with getting dirty and handling creepy crawlies! A background in animal care would be an advantage, although not essential as training will be given. Time commitment is one set day per week. **(Ref: NY24)**

Appropriate Adults
West Berkshire



Appropriate Adults are trained volunteers who attend police stations when a young person's parents or guardians cannot attend or where friends family or carers of a vulnerable adult are unable to attend.

They are there to ensure the person understands their rights, police procedures, and to safeguard their welfare whilst in custody.

Could you undertake this role? Volunteer Appropriate Adults are being recruited to cover the local area. Volunteers will need to be non-judgemental, and have the confidence to deal with challenging situations. Full induction and training will be provided, as well as opportunities to shadow existing volunteers. **(Ref: NY1854)**

Artistic Team Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



Do you have proven artistic and creative skills? A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals is looking for an artistic volunteer to undertake a variety of creative projects, such as improving public areas, animal enclosures and displays.

This could either be a regular, on-going role, or could suit someone who wanted to volunteer at a specific time and make improvements to an agreed area. **(Ref: NY1428)**

Arthritis Champions
West Berkshire



Do you have experience of arthritis, either personally or via a family member or friend? Could you provide peer support to others who are living with the condition?

A national charity runs drop-in sessions locally for people affected by arthritis, and is looking for volunteers to help run them. You will be given full training and ongoing support, and there is also the opportunity to provide support or lead workshops.

If you are friendly, helpful and approachable, the charity would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1472)**

Assistant Shopkeeper
Beech Hill



This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to become a shopkeeper for a few hours a week! A traditional village shop that also provides a social meeting place is looking for volunteers to join its friendly team and meet its equally friendly customers.

Volunteers will enjoy working as part of a team, have good communication and social skills and feel confident handling money. **(Ref: NY1314)**

Assistant Keyholder and Occasional Admin Support Officer
Thatcham



A Thatcham building has grown significantly in popularity as a venue for hire. A volunteer who lives nearby is required to help with keyholding duties for casual lettings, and also to show prospective hirers the building and explain the conditions of hire. On occasions, support is also needed with basic administrative tasks such as handling e-mails or phone calls, and this work can be done from home.

The role would suit a good communicator who would enjoy meeting new hirers. The amount of time per week will vary according to the number of bookings, but is expected to be 1.5 to 2 hours. **(Ref: NY1838)**

At Home Library Service

West Berkshire



Would you like to help make the world of reading accessible to people who are unable to access their local library due to disability or illness?

A local service is looking for a volunteer to select books from the library in Newbury on a Wednesday on a three weekly basis. You would then make home visits to deliver the books to local residents. These visits can be made at a time suitable for the volunteer and the borrower. You will need access to your own car (a mileage allowance will be paid).

Good interpersonal skills and empathy are essential, and a love of books would be an advantage. **(Ref: NY61)**

Awareness & Activities Volunteers

West Berkshire



A national charity dedicated to fighting Inflammatory Bowel Disease is seeking volunteers to join its local team.

Volunteers may have knowledge or experience of IBD or simply be interested in raising awareness in the local community. Volunteers are required on a regular and ad hoc basis, and you could help with organising awareness events and information sessions, editing newsletters and fundraising.

The role is very flexible and volunteers can get involved at any time. The team usually organise 5-10 events throughout the year and you can get involved from as little as 8 hours a month or more. **(Ref: NY1668)**

B

Badminton Volunteer

West Berkshire



One in four of us will be affected by a mental health problem this year. A local independent charity is passionate about making sports accessible to anyone experiencing problems.

The charity is looking for volunteers to help run weekly badminton sessions. The aim of the sessions is to aid people's recovery, whilst raising awareness, challenging misconceptions and encouraging social inclusion.

The sessions run on Monday afternoons in Theale, Thursday afternoons in Newbury and Saturday afternoons in Hungerford. If you have some knowledge of badminton rules, as well as the desire to coach and encourage others, they would be keen to hear from you. **(Ref: NY1054)**

Baking Assistant

Basildon



A local National Trust property is looking for volunteers to help make a selection of delicious sweet treats for visitors to enjoy in its tearoom.

You will bake cakes following recipes, agreeing with catering staff what needs to be made.

The role will suit an enthusiastic and friendly volunteer, who is confident with baking and enjoys working as part of team as well as on their own initiative. Volunteers are required in the mornings. **(Ref: NY1805)**

Base Manager

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Trips take place between March and October.

Volunteer Base Managers oversee the smooth running of the base making sure everyone is organised and has a job to do. Ideal for good communicators with organisational skills. Volunteering takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY1064)**

Beaver and Scout Leaders

Kintbury



Volunteers are needed to assist with the running of Beaver and Scout activities in Kintbury.

As a volunteer, you would help plan and run an exciting programme of activities and events for young people, ranging from scuba to firelighting & cooking!

No previous experience is necessary and full training can be provided. **(Ref: NY1342)**

Beaver Group Volunteer

Aldermaston



Do you want to join an exciting team providing fun and adventure to children aged 6-8 years? Scouting is the largest mixed organisation in the country, providing young people with the opportunity to reach their full intellectual, social and spiritual potential.

If you have a fun and outgoing nature, and enjoy working as part of a team, then you could get involved with one of the groups that meets in Aldermaston. Full support and training is provided. **(Ref: NY1602)**

Beaver Leader
Hungerford



Have you got a passion for adventure? Want to inspire young people?

Leaders are needed for a Hungerford Beaver Scout group, which provide safe and stimulating activities to children aged 6-8 years on Tuesday evenings. One week you may be playing games, the next cooking, the week after learning about other cultures. No two weeks will be the same.

Ongoing training is provided. There are no specific skills required – just enthusiasm, teamwork and a sense of fun! **(Ref: NY1712)**

Befriender
Hungerford



Could you assist a Hungerford based organisation in its mission to make a difference to the lives of others?

Volunteers will be working alongside staff to support people with dementia and/or learning disabilities take part in a range of creative and therapeutic activities. Activities include arts and crafts, photography, reminiscing sessions, quizzes and games.

Volunteers are required weekdays between 10:30am and 2:30pm; any time volunteers can give would be welcomed. Ideal for sociable and friendly volunteers who enjoy caring for vulnerable people. **(Ref: NY1863)**

Befriender
Tadley



A disability charity has a house in Tadley that provides support for young people with visual impairments and life-limiting degenerative conditions. Volunteer befrienders are needed to provide the young people with company and help build their confidence and self-esteem.

Befrienders visit for one to two hours a week, to chat, watch television, listen to music or read a book. They may also take the young person out for a walk. The role would be suited to friendly volunteers with good listening skills and a willingness to learn. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1756)**

Befriender and Buddy
Newbury



A local organisation, operating from Newbury town, provides support, friendship and guidance to people who have been affected by mental health conditions. Volunteers are needed to meet, chat and give support to the group's members, as well as partake in activities. If a volunteer has particular skills, they may be able to lead workshops for small groups of members (for example, walking or crafts).

Members drop in at different times during the day, and volunteers are needed from Monday to Thursday. An ability to empathise is essential, and volunteers who have experienced mental health issues themselves would be particularly welcome. **(Ref: NY756)**

Befrienders
West Berkshire



A charity that supports adults with physical disabilities across West Berkshire is looking for volunteers willing to share time and a hobby or interest as a one-to-one befriender. You could help someone with a disability maintain a social life and enjoy leisure activities such as swimming, walking, music, shopping or simply a chat and a coffee! They will match you up with someone with a common interest.

Ideal if you have patience, a sense of humour, your own transport and would like to experience the rewards of sharing an interest with others. **(Ref: NY1245)**

Befrienders
West Berkshire



A befriending service in West Berkshire helps make a difference to the lives of specialist palliative care patients with life limited illnesses and their carers.

Befrienders will be trained to enhance the quality of patients' lives by supporting and promoting their welfare. This could include offering companionship, sharing activities and escorting. Volunteers will need to be able to offer a commitment of one to two hours a week. Individuals need to be good communicators and have a warm, friendly nature. **(Ref: NY866)**

Befriend West Berkshire

West Berkshire



We all experience loneliness at some point in our lives, so imagine how it must feel to be lonely every day. This is a particular problem for older people who can become lonely for many reasons. Having regular interactions with other people has been proven to combat loneliness, which is why Volunteer Centre West Berkshire are recruiting volunteers to become befrienders for lonely people aged over 50 who live in West Berkshire.

Once trained, you will be carefully matched to someone you will connect with, then just like a friend, your role will be to take a little time to visit once a week or so to have a chat and enjoy each other's company. **(Ref: NY1700)**

Big Lunch Champion

West Berkshire



A new initiative comprising local people and organisations aims to get neighbours speaking a little more. It plans to encourage community lunches, to allow neighbours to meet up, interact and perhaps form longer term relationships.

Have you ever organised a street party? Could you talk about the benefits they bring and enthuse others to organise them? Are you well organised, creative with a pen and able to use simple social media?

If so, the organisation would be interested in hearing from you. The time commitment would be around two hours a week with occasional busier times. You'll be helping to create memories and build community. **(Ref: NY1830)**

Boat Trip Crew

Newbury



If you enjoy the canal or boating, then this is the opportunity for you! Friendly and welcoming volunteers are needed to crew boat trips for the public that run from the Newbury Wharf each weekend and Tuesdays during the season, as well as private charters anytime. There are opportunities to get involved with tasks ranging from serving in the galley, operating the lock and even driving the boat!

No special skills are required and training will be provided. Ideal if you have a good level of fitness and enjoy working as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1287)**

Bowdown Volunteer Group Members

West Berkshire



This is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, whilst getting involved with a project that runs practical tasks to reconnect broken links in the West Berkshire landscape – such as creating wildlife corridors.

A volunteer group meets to carry out conservation tasks at Bowdown Woods on the first Sunday of each month between October and April. Tasks include clearing unwanted trees and shrubs, keeping paths open, protecting areas from deer damage and wildlife surveys. Enthusiasm is all your need – you will be shown how to do tasks and use the tools safely. **(Ref: NY1452)**

Branch Members

Newbury



A small local group with an interest in international topics is looking for new members. The group is run entirely by volunteers and runs a diverse programme of activities designed to raise awareness of the United Nations, such as talks, fundraising events, film screenings and coffee mornings.

The group is particularly interested in hearing from volunteers who can help with publicity, photography, communicating in other languages, catering and public speaking. **(Ref: NY784)**

Branch Secretary

West Berkshire



The local branch of a charity dedicated to improving life for people living with Parkinson's Disease is seeking a volunteer secretary. As secretary, you would act as the first point of contact for enquiries, take minutes at committee meetings/circulate them and have responsibility for distributing information to branch members. The role would also involve keeping records of membership in the absence of a membership secretary. Committee meetings are held nine times a year.

The role would suit a good team worker who has strong communication, writing, IT and administrative skills. **(Ref: NY1799)**

Branch Secretary

Newbury



The local branch of a charity that supports people in crisis is seeking a branch secretary. The branch secretary is a key member of the leadership team and a trustee of the branch, supporting the director in ensuring its smooth running.

An important part of the role is advising and guiding the board on legal and regulatory matters and ensuring that requirements of reporting of reporting and public accountability are met. Other aspects of the role include planning and recording of meetings.

The ideal volunteer will have experience of charity administration and rules governing charities, or business management experience, be computer literate and have strong interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY1864)**

Business Advisor

West Berkshire



Could you pass on your skills and experience of business to inspire the next generation? A national organisation which helps school students spend a year setting up their own business requires volunteer advisers to support the running of projects in local schools.

As a volunteer business adviser, you will act as a mentor to the young people, supporting them as they develop, sell and market their product or service. You would attend a weekly meeting held at the school running the project. This could be an ideal role if you are able to encourage and motivate young people. **(Ref: NY1631)**

Bus Team Members

West Berkshire



A well-established local Christian group is committed to bringing hope to those who need it by using a converted double decker bus to act as a mobile resource.

You could support them by becoming a team member, helping with tasks such as cleaning the bus, serving teas and coffees and chatting to people who use the service. The organisation is also looking for bus caretakers who can be trained to be a key holder and assist in staffing the bus when it is in use. No special skills are required, just a willingness to get involved. The time commitment would be four to six hours a month. **(Ref: NY1210)**

C

Cadet Forces Volunteers

Newbury



Could you help provide supervision to a local squadron of fifty cadets aged 12-20? Do you have an interest in the RAF, aviation and the armed services? As a civilian instructor, you'll be able to take part in almost everything the squadron has to offer, whilst at the same time gaining training in areas such as first aid and basic teaching theory. Once settled in, there are many opportunities for personal development, including uniformed staff roles and taking part in activities such as mountaineering and climbing.

The squadron parades on Monday and Wednesday evenings, with most other events taking place at weekends. **(Ref: NY1705)**

Canal Crew

West Berkshire



Do you love our beautiful waterways? Are you interested in their history? Would you like to come and help protect their unique biodiversity?

The Canal Crew is a volunteer group helping to look after the beautiful Kennet and Avon Canal, in particular focusing on the stretch between Reading and Newbury. The crew goes out every Tuesday to undertake a range of activities to keep the locks and towpath in top condition. No skills or qualifications needed - just a willingness to help! **(Ref: NY1582)**

Careers Advisor

Newbury



Are you a good listener who could support managers and professionals wanting to return to work? A local organisation recognises that it can be difficult for older managers to find employment following redundancy and unemployment, and provides advice and guidance to improve chances.

As a volunteer careers adviser, you would act as a mentor, and offer guidance on areas such as new careers, CVs and preparing for interviews. Sessions are run in Newbury on Wednesdays, however volunteers may meet individually with job seekers at a mutually convenient time. **(Ref: NY566)**

Car Park Attendant

Basildon



A local National Trust property is looking for volunteers to help out in its car park. The role involves providing a warm and friendly welcome to visitors, and directing them to free parking spaces. Visitors may sometimes require additional assistance, for example with wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Volunteers should be calm and patient and happy to work outside. The role requires a commitment of one session a fortnight. This opportunity is at weekends however volunteers may do week days during the school holidays. **(Ref: NY1036)**

Case Worker

West Berkshire



If you have a mature and sensitive approach, and common sense, you could help a charity that supports current and former members of the armed services and their families.

You could be trained to offer support, ranging from obtaining financial assistance, to getting specialist equipment for veterans with a disability. A forces background is not essential, but a driver's licence would be beneficial. **(Ref: NY176)**

Cattle Lookers

Woolton Hill



If you enjoy the outdoors and perhaps have a little experience with livestock, you could support Britain's leading conservation charity. The charity owns and maintains a nature reserve to the east of Woolton Hill.

New people would be welcomed to join the rota of volunteers who can ensure they maintain a daily check up on the five rare breed Shetland cattle kept for conservation grazing. This will involve walking alongside and checking the perimeter fence, and checking the cattle. **(Ref: NY1477)**

Chair

West Berkshire



A local organisation which provides health information to patients and their carers is looking for a volunteer chair. The ideal volunteer will have experience of working in a voluntary, local authority or NHS environment. You will plan and run meetings of the organisation's committee, helping ensure that decisions are made.

The role also involves working with the committee to develop organisational strategies and acting as a spokesperson for the organisation at various events. The time commitment is approximately 4-6 hours a week. This is an opportunity to help lead an organisation which offers a valuable service to West Berkshire. **(Ref: NY1682)**

Chapel Guide

West Berkshire



Did you know the only National Trust property dedicated to the First World War is located just a few miles out of Newbury? If you have a welcoming manner and enjoy talking to people, and can give three hours every fortnight, you could become a volunteer guide at the property.

As a guide, you will contribute to giving visitors a unique experience, greeting them on arrival and helping answer their questions. That said, no prior knowledge of the property and its history is required – you can learn as you go along and will be supported by staff. Many visitors share their own family stories of the war, and this is an opportunity to share in those stories. **(Ref: NY1737)**

Charity Shop Assistant

Newbury



A Newbury charity shop, which raises funds to support people with end of life and long-term neurological conditions, is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join its team.

Volunteers can get involved with sorting clothes, pricing, steaming, window dressing and displays, and customer services. Volunteering offers a great way to boost your CV and gain experience in retail. Previous shop experience would be an advantage, but not essential as training will be provided. If you can spare four hours a week, the shop would be keen to hear from you. **(Ref: NY976)**

Charity Shop Assistant

Newbury



Volunteers are required to help in a Newbury charity shop. An ideal way to gain experience in retail, you can help raise funds for a leading animal charity.

Volunteers will be supported with training to develop their skills, and whatever help you can give would be welcomed; however a couple of hours or one half day a week would be ideal. Tasks include processing new stock, till work and displaying goods. **(Ref: NY1704)**

Charity Shop Team Members

Newbury

Help raise funds for a leading health charity by volunteering for a busy charity shop based in the centre of town. This is an opportunity to gain retail experience and meet new people.



Volunteers should enjoy working with the public, and as part of a team, and be happy to learn how to use the till. You will be provided for full training in areas such as till work, sorting, pricing and rotation of stock. **(Ref: NY16)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Newbury

The Newbury branch of one of the leading charity shop outlets in the country would welcome new volunteers to help them in their busy shop that is open 7 days a week.



Volunteers with common sense and the ability to work as a team are needed to help with a variety of tasks including pricing, sorting and serving.

This is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the fundraising efforts of an international charity, whilst meeting others and learning new skills. **(Ref: NY22)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Newbury

Are you an energetic and enthusiastic person who would like to make a difference to the lives of others? A charity shop in Newbury which is run entirely by volunteers is looking for new staff to join its team.



You can help make the shop stand out from high street chains by making it a friendly, welcoming and attractive place. The role is varied and could include sorting and pricing donations, creating window displays and till work.

By giving your time, you could help change the lives of children worldwide. **(Ref: NY906)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Thatcham

Would you like to gain experience of retail whilst helping raise funds for a leading disability charity?



A busy Thatcham charity shop is looking for volunteers to assist with tasks such as working on the tills, sorting donations and back of shop work. You do not require any formal qualifications to be a volunteer, just a warm personality, and the shop's friendly team will provide you with training as you go. **(Ref: NY1132)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Theale

A charity shop in Theale that helps raise funds to educate and feed children living in poverty abroad is looking for friendly volunteers to join its team.



Use your skills and learn new ones by helping with receiving, sorting and displaying donated goods. You will also have the opportunity to assist with customer service and with promoting the work of the charity.

You can help make a difference by giving just a little of time. Volunteers will be given full training. **(Ref: NY1114)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Hungerford

Can you spare a few hours during the week or on a Saturday? Would you like to gain an NVQ in Retail or Customer Service? Join the friendly team in a Hungerford charity shop that raises money for an international charity that helps people in crisis. You could make new friends and gain work experience whilst making a difference.



As well as sorting through and organising donations you will have the chance to create exciting displays or perhaps develop new areas, such as a retro section. **(Ref: NY1591)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Newbury

Volunteers are being recruited for a new charity shop in Newbury. By giving a half day once a week or fortnight, you can help raise funds for hospice care for children and young people. Tasks include window dressing, sorting donations, till work and customer service.



No specific qualifications are required, but volunteers should enjoy working as part of team and meeting people from a range of backgrounds. A good sense of humour also helps! Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1765)**

Charity Shop Volunteer

Newbury



Do you have time to spare to help in a Newbury charity shop? Volunteers are needed to help prepare items for sale and serve customers. You will be provided with training and will helping to raise funds for a leading disability charity.

No qualifications are required, just a friendly nature and a willingness to help others. Maximum hours are 10:00 – 5:00. **(Ref: NY1044)**

Charity Shop Worker

Newbury



A major national help charity has a shop based in the centre of the town, and offers volunteers a chance to gain work experience, training and qualifications. Even if you're not setting out to start a career, you can meet new people by joining their team.

Tasks include till work, sorting and pricing donated goods, stock presentation and creating eye-catching window displays. Volunteers will be provided with training. **(Ref: NY404)**

Charity Volunteers

Newbury



Can you relate to the vision that no older person should be alone on Christmas Day unless they want to be?

A locally based UK wide charity keeps a database of events for older people happening on Christmas Day. In the months leading up to Christmas they are looking for volunteers to help in their temporary office space in central Newbury.

Volunteers with good telephone skills, an empathy with older people and reasonable PC literacy are needed to:

- * Ensure the database is up to date
- * Respond to enquiries
- * Help with problem solving! **(Ref: NY1575)**

Children's Art & Craft Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



Do you enjoy arts and crafts, painting, sculpting or small-scale sculpting? A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals would be keen to hear from you!

They are looking for a volunteer to assist their education team by creating models and small sculptures. The role could also involve assisting art and craft workshops, encouraging children to take part in activities such as mask making or creating animal mobiles. Time commitment is one weekend day per week, and the volunteer should have proven artistic and creative skills. **(Ref: NY1072)**

Children's Rugby Coach

Thatcham



A local rugby club is looking for more volunteers to coach its junior sections. The club has funding available to support coaching qualifications for suitable candidates.

Volunteering will take generally place on Sunday mornings, and includes training, matches and tournaments with some travel and administration required.

The season runs from September through to April. The ideal volunteer will be enthusiastic about working with young people and enjoy delivering fun and engaging coaching sessions. **(Ref: NY1881)**

Cleaners

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Trips take place between March and October.

Cleaners are required to undertake routine cleaning tasks inside and outside to ensure the boats are spick and span and ready for the next hirers. This role is suited to those who don't mind getting dirty and have a "hands-on" approach. Volunteering takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY1064)**

Clerk
Newbury



The local branch of a charity that provides people with free, confidential and impartial advice is seeking a volunteer clerk to support their board of trustees. Responsibilities would include arranging meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes and assisting with inducting new trustees.

The time commitment is likely to be two days a month, and you would need to attend eight meetings a year, held on Tuesdays. Volunteering would be done at the organisation's office in Newbury town and at home.

This role would be suited to a self-motivated volunteer, with good written and verbal communication skills. Experience of Microsoft Office and of taking minutes are essential. **(Ref: NY1690)**

Club Committee Members
Newbury, Thatcham



Do you have great communication skills and a sense of empathy? A charity which supports local people who are blind or partially sighted is seeking volunteers to join their committee and assist in running monthly social club activities. This may involve preparation of afternoon tea, organising outings, assisting with transport and helping with fundraising collections.

There are clubs in both Newbury and Thatcham; the meetings for both clubs take place on Tuesdays once a month. A regular commitment is important for this role; knowledge of visual impairment would be useful but not essential as training is given. **(Ref: NY1744)**

Club Development Officer
Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow by becoming its development officer? You will be a football lover and be able to enthuse about the value of the game.

The role involves working 'outreach' to schools. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+ and a great communicator. **(Ref: NY1078)**

Club Members
Newbury



The world's largest service club organisation has a branch in Newbury, and would welcome new members who would like to volunteer their time to help humanitarian causes in their local and global communities.

Whilst fundraising is the club's main function, for example through putting on local events, it also offers networking, social activities and monthly meetings. Members from all backgrounds and with different skills and interests are welcome – the club believes everyone has a contribution to make! **(Ref: NY817)**

Club Volunteer
West Berkshire



Would you like to volunteer running a club at a local library? Various different clubs are run to add to the service provided by the library, including art and craft, an English speaking group, reminiscence group and a club teaching children computer coding.

A Club Library Volunteer must be prepared to commit to a regular time for the club which would be timetabled and agreed with the volunteer and library. Having the confidence to speak in front of people and have the organisational skills to run a club would be beneficial, as would good IT knowledge. **(Ref: NY1843)**

Coffee Shop Volunteer
Newbury



A volunteer experienced in customer service in a retail and/or catering setting is needed to help in a small popular Christian coffee shop in the heart of Newbury town centre. This will involve committing at least half a day a week to assisting serving customers, clearing tables, setting up at the start of the day and clearing away at the end.

Ideal for an organised and personable volunteer with a tidy nature and good customer service skills. Must be experienced in using a cash till and confident with handling money. **(Ref: NY1471)**

Collection Box Co-Ordinator

West Berkshire



A leading UK charity focusing on muscle-wasting disease requires volunteer Collection Box Co-Ordinators to raise awareness and funds by placing and managing collection boxes within businesses in the local area. Volunteers will also have responsibility for counting and banking donations.

Volunteers can work from home (access to a vehicle may necessary depending on where boxes are located). If you are friendly and organised, and can maintain good records, the charity would like to hear from you. **(Ref: NY996)**

Collection Box Co-Ordinator

West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Could you use your networking skills to secure new locations to place the charity's collection boxes, for example in shops, pubs or doctors' surgeries? This role also involves maintaining current collection box locations, emptying boxes and counting and banking money. Volunteers will be given relevant training and supported by the charity's Regional Fundraising Manager. **(Ref: NY1584)**

Collection Tin Coordinator

West Berkshire



A leading heart charity is looking for a volunteer to coordinate collection tins in the local area. This role involving placing collection tins in shops and businesses, and collecting/counting donations four times a year. You would also inspire others to support the charity and find new placements for tins.

The role would suit a volunteer with good organisational skills, numerical skills and basic IT skills. **(Ref: NY1865)**

Collection Tin Placement Volunteer

West Berkshire



A charity which supports young people who are going through hard times, for example due to homelessness, is looking for a volunteer to help with its collection boxes in West Berkshire.

The role involves contacting potential locations for tins and visiting sites to collect donations. Time commitment will depend on the number of tins you place (the charity asks volunteers to commit to placing at least four tins). Volunteers will be given guidance and support from a member of the charity's staff. **(Ref: NY1841)**

Committee Member

Newbury



A local charity which provides free legal advice for those who have experienced domestic violence is seeking volunteers to join its committee. As the charity enters its third year of operation, it is keen to have people bring new ideas to the team.

The role would take not more than five hours per month, and there is also the opportunity to help out at fundraising activities. The charity holds quarterly committee meetings in central Newbury. **(Ref: NY1696)**

Committee Member/Fundraiser

West Berkshire



Could you help plan and organise fundraising events to help raise money for local health services?

A local organisation is looking for volunteers to join its committee and bring fresh fundraising ideas to the team.

The organisation currently runs events such as car boot sales, coffee mornings and quizzes, and is keen to find new volunteers to help with these. The events help purchase valuable hospital equipment. Volunteers are not expected to do everything and are free to help at the events which suit them best. **(Ref: NY1702)**

Committee Members

Wash Common



A community centre based in South Newbury that provides a vital meeting place for many groups is seeking community minded volunteers to join the committee.

This would involve attending monthly meetings, assisting with decision making, problem solving and inputting your areas of expertise into the general running of the centre. The committee would welcome someone with local knowledge, good communication skills and an interest in community based activities. **(Ref: NY892)**

Committee Members Newbury



A local uniformed brigade has been running in Newbury since 1942 and enabling young people aged 10-18 to experience the rewards of getting involved with water based activities.

They are keen to introduce new people with new ideas to their small committee, either as general members, or by taking on specific roles. Committee members do not have to get involved with the activities, however they play a vital role in ensuring they have the funds to keep the club running. **(Ref: NY927)**

Community Ambassador West Berkshire



A charity that provides hospice and neurological care is seeking Community Ambassador volunteers to assist their fundraising team.

The role involves being responsible for the charity's collection tins and approaching new organisations where they could be placed. As a volunteer, you will also help promote charity events by distributing leaflets, and attend some to collect cheques and thank supporters.

The role is suited to confident communicators who have access to their own transport. **(Ref: NY1124)**

Community Café Volunteers Burghfield



Community spirited volunteers are being invited to get involved with a popular community café in Burghfield. The café, run on Christian principles, provides a welcoming meeting place for the community, regardless of faith. Volunteers play a crucial role in the delivery of an enjoyable café experience in a harmonious environment. Volunteers are needed on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Working under supervision, this will be a great opportunity for cheerful people with a respectful attitude to develop new skills and friendships. **(Ref: NY1458)**

Community Engagement Volunteer West Berkshire



Are you interested in helping raise the quality of health and social care in West Berkshire?

The local branch of a charity which acts as a consumer champion for health and social care is seeking Community Engagement Volunteers. As a volunteer, you would help get more people talking about their experiences of health and care services.

This role involves assisting with running stands at events, carrying out face-to-face surveys and interviewing local people. Volunteering would take 1-2 hours per month, and a commitment of 6-12 months would be welcomed. **(Ref: NY1635)**

Community Engagement Volunteer (Youth) West Berkshire



Are you aged between 15-21? The local branch of a national health organisation is looking for volunteers to help promote what they do to young people.

The organisation is a consumer champion for health and social care in West Berkshire, and seeks to help improve services.

As a volunteer, you would represent and promote the organisation at your school, college or youth group, encouraging people to share the experiences and feelings about health and social care. The time commitment is approximately ten hours over six months. **(Ref: NY1671)**

Community First Responders West Berkshire



Volunteer to save lives by becoming a Community First Responder. These are volunteers trained in life support skills and the use of defibrillator to enable them to attend potentially life-threatening emergencies.

Community First Responders answer calls locally; there is therefore the potential for them to arrive on scene before an ambulance, meaning treatment can be provided more quickly. As a Responder, you will be trained to provide life-saving support. Volunteers need to have access to their own car and be able to commit 20 hours a month at times of their choice. **(Ref: NY556)**

Community Fundraising Volunteer
West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Volunteers are being recruited in West Berkshire to help promote the charity in the local community. This could involve running stalls at events, attending cheque presentations, putting up posters and giving up leaflets, and delivering presentations to schools. This role would be suitable for a volunteer with great people and organisational skills. Training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY1585)**

Community Library Volunteer
West Berkshire



Would you like to volunteer in a local library? Community Library Volunteers are currently being recruited to help users of library services in West Berkshire.

The role could involve assisting readers with using the self-service equipment, helping people access stock and computers, shelving and assisting with events. Volunteers will commit to a regular time and the role would suit those who enjoy communicating with people and have an interest in reading.

Training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY1844)**

Community Library Organiser
West Berkshire



A Community Library Organiser plays a key role in supporting front line volunteer cover to ensure that a local library can maintain its open hours. The role will cover the essential activities to support the library service, such as organising the volunteer rota, arranging cover and being a point of contact for volunteers and staff.

This opportunity would suit someone who has the ability to communicate with people, enjoys conversations and is able to liaise with volunteers and staff to organise the library volunteer rotas. **(Ref: NY1847)**

Community Stop Smoking Champion
West Berkshire



Are you interested in gaining experience of public health and health promotion? Stop Smoking Champions are being recruited in West Berkshire.

Volunteers will initially help out at high street events, approaching the public and giving them details of the stop smoking service. Once you have gained experience, there is also the possibility of volunteering alongside an experienced advisor to assist clients at stop smoking clinics.

No prior experience is necessary, as training will be provided, however volunteers should be friendly and enjoy talking to members of the public. Volunteering will take place predominantly at weekends. **(Ref: NY1774)**

Conservation Team Members
Thatcham



This is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, whilst getting involved with a project that runs practical tasks to reconnect broken links in the West Berkshire landscape – such as creating wildlife corridors.

A volunteer group meets at the Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre on the second Thursday of each month. There is always lots of practical work needed around the centre and the site; mending fences, clearing paths and conservation work in the reedbeds. Let us know if you would like to get involved. Enthusiasm is all you need; you will be shown how to do tasks and use tools safely. **(Ref: NY1453)**

Conservation Volunteers
Newbury



Your river needs you! A local project aims to encourage local people to become more involved with the River Lambourn in Newbury.

Volunteers of all abilities are invited to get involved in a variety of conservation tasks along the urban stretch of the River Lambourn. River Watchers carry out practical conservation work such as river clearance, meadow raking, litter picking, wildlife and plant monitoring.

Activities take place on Thursday mornings, with tools and training provided. **(Ref: NY1093)**

**Contact Point Member
Advisor**
Newbury



A local organisation that offers an alternative to saving and borrowing with high-street banks is seeing a volunteer to help at its contact point in Newbury. The contact point operates on Tuesdays between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

The role involves promoting and explaining the service and its benefits to visitors, signing up new members and directing them to the organisation's online and telephone banking services.

This opportunity would be suited to a proactive and outgoing volunteer, who is a good communicator and has the ability to work independently. **(Ref: NY1789)**

**Corporate Fundraising
Volunteer**
West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Volunteers are being recruited in West Berkshire to help promote the charity to local companies. The role would involve researching businesses and delivering presentations to them, participating in the development of fundraising proposals and assisting in delivering pitches for charity of the year partnerships.

This role would be suitable for a volunteer with great people and organisational skills. Training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY1586)**

Counsellors
Newbury



A local service which provides counselling to young people is looking for new volunteer counsellors who have the relevant skills and experience to take on the role.

Volunteers must be qualified counsellors or in the 2nd year of a Diploma counselling course. This role is particularly suited to volunteers with a positive attitude towards others who have the ability to listen to and accept others. **(Ref: NY4)**

Counsellors
West Berkshire



A charity with an excellent reputation for reducing re-offending runs a counselling service in West Berkshire whereby volunteers work individually with offenders or survivors of sexual abuse.

This is a challenging but rewarding role; you will need to have at least a Professional Level Diploma in counselling (i.e. at least a year's tuition and 100 hours clinical experience) and be registered with the BACP or UKCP in order to volunteer. You will also need appropriate insurance cover and access to a supervisor (the organisation will contribute to the cost of this). **(Ref: NY1401)**

Counsellors
Reading



A service based in Reading which supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse is seeking volunteer counsellors. Counsellors provide therapeutic counselling to 2-3 clients per week and are also responsible for completing paperwork and participating in clinical supervision and ongoing training.

Volunteers should be willing to give four to five hours weekly. The organisation is ideally looking for qualified counsellors or students in their final year of a course (diploma or equivalent). They would also welcome qualified counsellors working towards accreditation who wish to gain more hours.

Volunteers need to be members of BACP or registered with UKCP. An understanding of the issues surrounding rape and sexual abuse would be useful but not essential as training will be given. **(Ref: NY1479)**

**Counsellors/Play
Therapists**
Reading



A service based in Reading which supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse is seeking volunteer counsellors and play therapists. This role involves supporting young people, and working alongside other professionals, families and care givers when appropriate.

Volunteers will need to be qualified counsellors/therapists or in the final year of a diploma course (or equivalent) that leads to being a qualified counsellor/therapist. The commitment for this role is four hours a week plus time for supervision. **(Ref: NY1740)**

Creative IT Volunteer

West Berkshire



Are you skilled at using IT to create eye-catching posters and flyers?

A local group, which raises money to help children around the world, is looking for a creative IT volunteer, to produce posters and flyers to promote its fundraising activities.

You would produce the materials from home, although the group meets regularly over coffee locally to discuss ideas. **(Ref: NY1820)**

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Day Centre Volunteers

Newbury



Friendly volunteers with empathy for older people are needed to help in a popular day centre in Newbury. Every weekday, elderly people from the Newbury area can enjoy companionship and a freshly cooked hot meal, as well as having the chance to get involved with activities ranging from bingo to "Knit and Natter". If they are unable to get to the centre, then meals can be delivered to their homes.

Find out how you could help by sharing just a little bit of your time. **(Ref: NY450)**

Day Therapy Volunteer

West Berkshire



A local hospice requires day therapy volunteers to help ensure the wellbeing of its patients. As a day therapy volunteer, you would play an important role in group work activities, serving refreshments and meals and ensuring a welcoming environment.

Listening and talking to patients and their visitors is central to this role, so strong communication skills and a non-judgemental attitude are a must. The service runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **(Ref: NY1424)**

Dementia Forum Administrator/Secretary

Thatcham, Hungerford, Lambourn



If you have strong administrative skills and experience of Microsoft Office, you could volunteer for a local forum that aims to make the community more dementia friendly.

As a volunteer administrator/secretary, you would be responsible for taking and distributing minutes at meetings, maintaining the forum's social media accounts and having contact with local organisations to check progress on their dementia friendly action plans.

This role would require a commitment of one hour per week, plus time for meetings. Forums that are seeking administrators are in Thatcham, Hungerford and Lambourn. **(Ref Thatcham: NY1761, Ref Lambourn: NY1762, Ref Hungerford: NY1763)**

Dementia Forum Co-ordinator

Thatcham



Do you have a passion to support people affected by dementia? A Thatcham based forum, which aims to make the community more dementia friendly, is seeking a co-ordinator.

As co-ordinator, you would be responsible for leading the monthly forum meetings and for recruiting and motivating members. There would also be the opportunity to visit local businesses and services to gain their support for the project.

This role would require a commitment of two hours per week, plus time for meetings. Support will be provided during the initial stages of the project. **(Ref: NY1760)**

Dementia Forum Members

Thatcham, Hungerford, Lambourn



Do you have a passion to support people affected by dementia? You could be part of a local forum which exists to help make the community a more dementia friendly place to live and work.

The role will involve attending monthly forum meetings and contributing new ideas as well as visiting local groups, events and businesses to help improve opportunities for people with dementia.

Being a group member will require a minimum of two hours a week, plus time for meetings. Forums that are seeking members are in Thatcham, Hungerford and Lambourn. **(Ref Thatcham: NY1757, Ref Lambourn: NY1758, Ref Hungerford: NY1759)**

Dog Walking Volunteer

West Berkshire



What happens if illness, injury or just the fact that we all get older eventually affects our ability to look after our four legged companions? A large number of elderly or ill pet owners become very worried about their ability to care for their pets, feeling that their only option is to rehome them. This is where a national network of dedicated volunteers can step in to offer support enabling them to stay together.

Friendly, caring volunteers with an hour or two to spare a week are currently being recruited to help local residents walk their dogs. Previous experience with dogs would be ideal, but not a requirement. **(Ref: NY1608)**

Dog Training

West Berkshire



Could you look after a puppy for 14-16 months, providing it with obedience and skills training, socialisation and exercise? This role involves ensuring that a puppy has a good level of experience before it enters the next stage of its life as an assistance dog for someone who is deaf.

This is a full time role involving caring for a puppy in your own home; the role is not suitable for those working full or part time or looking for work. Volunteers will need to be car drivers and able to attend training sessions, which are held weekly for the first four months. Volunteers will receive support from a local trainer and expenses will be paid. **(Ref: NY1885)**

Dog Visitor

West Berkshire



Do you have a well-behaved, calm and friendly dog that enjoys human contact? You could help a national charity bring some joy to care home and hospital residents in the West Berkshire area by allowing them to spend a little time with your dog.

The role of the volunteers and their dogs is also now extending to include 'Read 2 Dogs' (helping children with reading in schools), clinical psychology assistance (with dog phobias) and occupational therapy rehabilitation assistance.

Dogs will be assessed for suitability first. Volunteers should be able to offer a fairly regular commitment of about two hours a week. **(Ref: NY1556)**

Donation Collection Volunteer

Newbury



A local service which supports the homeless requires a volunteer to collect end of day food from a Newbury supermarket and then take it to their base.

You will be part of a team that is organised through a monthly rota and volunteers go in pairs. Food is collected on Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Time commitment is less than one hour per collection, once or twice a month, and being a car driver would be helpful. **(Ref: NY1832)**

Donation Point Volunteers

Newbury



A local charity has a collection point at a recycling centre in Newbury, whereby they retrieve items from the public that could be repaired or recycled rather than going to landfill.

Enthusiastic volunteers with a practical attitude are needed to help in the unit by greeting customers and receiving their items - but to first ensure they are appropriate for recycling. Volunteers will need to be physically able - a sense of humour and willingness to "muck in" will also help! **(Ref: NY1184)**

Double Decker Bus Drivers

West Berkshire



Have you ever wanted to drive a double decker bus?

Many individuals, and therefore communities, find themselves in situations where there appears to be no hope. A well-established local Christian group is committed to bringing hope into those situations by using a converted double decker bus to act as a mobile resource. More volunteer drivers are needed to join the team and enable the bus to support a growing range of community projects and activities that have requested a visit.

Volunteers need to hold a current, clean license and have previous experience of driving a bus, coach or HGV vehicle. **(Ref: NY1102)**

Driver
West Berkshire



A West Berkshire scheme provides support to young carers, and drivers are required to take the young people to the sessions. By giving a little of your time, you can help young people who look after relatives access activities, as well as practical and emotional support.

Volunteers will require their own vehicle and a clean driving license. The scheme also has access to a minibus, which can be driven with a normal license. Volunteers are required between 3:00 and 9:00 on Monday evenings, and should enjoy talking to children. **(Ref: NY1869)**

Driver Co-Pilot
West Berkshire



Volunteers are needed to support drivers who transport patients to and from a local day hospice. The service runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You will help provide a pleasant journey by assisting the driver with directions, being the point of contact between the driver and the hospital and being mindful of the patient and their belongings. Ideal for competent map readers with a friendly nature and good communication skills. **(Ref: NY1592)**

Driver for Sports Activities
West Berkshire



Are you interested in sports? Would you like to help local people with visual impairments participate in sporting activities?

A charity dedicated to sight loss runs a varied and exciting sports programme, and drivers are needed to transport its clients to these activities. They would also welcome any help enabling their clients to participate in the sports. Sports currently on offer include tennis, cricket, dragon boating, running and swimming. The charity is also keen to hear from people who could introduce new sports to their clients. Regular commitment is needed for this role, as well as a clean driving license and use of your own vehicle. **(Ref: NY1745)**

Drivers
West Berkshire



If you are car driver and have a little free time on Tuesdays or Thursdays, you could make a big difference to the lives of patients attending a local day hospice. Reliable volunteers are needed to ensure patients have a pleasant journey to and from the unit, which provides them with crucial support during a difficult time.

A pleasant and reassuring nature and plenty of initiative are all that is required. Travel expenses are reimbursed. **(Ref: NY72)**

Drivers
Newbury



The local branch of a national organisation which organises monthly tea parties for isolated older people is looking for volunteer drivers.

As a driver, you would collect older residents from their homes and take them to the tea parties. Volunteers should have a clean driving licence and enjoy making people happy! **(Ref: NY74)**

Drivers
Newbury



Volunteer Drivers in West Berkshire help hundreds of less able people each year, by collecting people from their homes and taking them to appointments of all kinds. This enjoyable and rewarding volunteer opportunity is an easy way to get involved in the local community.

You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid and your insurers should not charge extra for volunteering on a not for gain or reward basis. You decide when and where you want to drive. Perfect for caring and patient people with an empathy for the less able. **(Ref: NY188)**

Drivers
West Berkshire



Would you like to make a difference to patients and families living with cancer? A local community charity is in need of more volunteer drivers for their transport service. By giving up just some free time you could help relieve the stress for patients needing to get to hospital appointments throughout the South of England.

A clean licence, sympathetic ear, pleasant nature and plenty of patience are all that is required. Travel expenses are reimbursed. **(Ref: NY202)**

Drivers
Thatcham



A busy Thatcham car scheme needs happy and outgoing volunteer drivers to transport mainly older people who are unable to use public transport. Volunteers undertake lifts to doctors, hospitals, clinics and social outings.

The time commitment is up to you, and you decide when you want to drive. You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid. Insurers should also not charge extra as you are volunteering on not for gain or reward basis. **(Ref: NY374)**

Drivers
Hungerford



A scheme in Hungerford recruits volunteer drivers to collect less able people from their homes, take them to appointments and then drive them home again.

You will need to access to your own vehicle as well as a clean driving licence. You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid.

Ideal for caring and patient volunteers, this an opportunity to help out people who are unable to use public transport in the Hungerford area. **(Ref: NY719)**

Drivers
Chapel Row



A scheme in Chapel Row recruits volunteer drivers to collect less able people from their homes, take them to appointments and then drive them home again.

You will need to access to your own vehicle as well as a clean driving licence. You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid.

Ideal for caring and patient volunteers, this an opportunity to help out people who are unable to use public transport in the Chapel Row area. **(Ref: NY720)**

Drivers
Lambourn



You could become a volunteer driver for a scheme in Lambourn that takes people who are unable to use public transport to a variety of appointments.

You will need to access to your own vehicle as well as a clean driving licence. You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid. Volunteers should be caring and patient. **(Ref: NY721)**

Drivers
Bradfield



A scheme in Bradfield recruits volunteer drivers to collect less able people from their homes, take them to appointments and then drive them home again.

You will need to access to your own vehicle as well as a clean driving licence. You will not be out of pocket as your mileage will be paid.

Ideal for caring and patient volunteers, this an opportunity to help out people who are unable to use public transport in the Bradfield area. **(Ref: NY723)**

Drivers
Theale



A volunteer driving scheme that serves the Theale area is seeking new volunteers. You would help provide a valued service to elderly and disabled people living in the area, taking them to hospitals, clinics and medical appointments.

Volunteers use their own vehicles and mileage will be paid back. **(Ref: NY1238)**

Drivers
Pangbourne



A scheme in Pangbourne is looking for volunteer drivers. Drivers will collect clients from their own homes and take them to appointments, stay with them and then take them home again.

Drivers need to be calm and patient, and a clean driving license is essential. Mileage will be reimbursed. **(Ref: NY722)**

Drivers for visually impaired social group
Thatcham



Would you like to help visually impaired people feel less isolated by helping them to meet up with friends once a month? Do you have the use of your own vehicle?

Volunteer drivers are needed on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon each month to transport visually impaired people in West Berkshire to and from a club meeting in Thatcham.

Experience with the elderly and visually impaired is useful but not essential as training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1327)**

Drop In Centre Volunteers

Newbury



If you are calm, friendly, practical and unshockable, then you could get involved with a Newbury based project that meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays to support the homeless. The project offers friendly support to those in need, as well as a hot meal, groceries, toiletries, bedding and clothes.

Volunteers are needed to help with the preparation and serving of meals, washing up and the issuing of supplies. Ideal if you are able to offer some consistency by making a regular volunteer commitment. They would also be pleased to receive applications from students interested in short term volunteer opportunities. **(Ref: NY29)**

Duke of Edinburgh Award Placement Volunteer

West Berkshire



Are you a young person looking to volunteer as part of your DoE Award? Would you like to use the opportunity to make a difference in your local library?

As a volunteer, you would carry out tasks such as assisting customers at self-service tills, providing information on the different services, helping with children's activities and shelving. The service is always happy to try and provide placements if they can, but there is often a waiting list as places are popular. **(Ref: NY1845)**

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Education Speaker

West Berkshire



Do you have an interest in cats and a passion for feline welfare? If you have good communication skills, and are confident talking in front of groups of people, you may be interested in a new volunteering role with a national cat charity.

Volunteers are needed in West Berkshire to give talks to schools and community groups to raise awareness of the charity's work. You will be given full training and support in the role, and the time commitment is flexible – you can volunteer to run one workshop a week to one a month. The role offers an opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference to cats and kittens in the UK. **(Ref: NY1730)**

Education Team Member

Didcot



A visitor attraction in Didcot is looking for volunteers to join its education team. Many schools visit the attraction during term time to help educate their children in history topics.

We do not need you to possess any knowledge of history or railways just a willingness to work with primary age children. You will accompany one of our highly experienced Guides in charge of a group of children. **(Ref: NY1852)**

Education Team Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals is looking for a volunteer to assist its maintenance team. Its education team runs a programme of educational visits for children, young people and university students. They are looking for volunteers to help develop and run their schools programme.

The role will be research and admin based for the practical day-to-day running of the programme with some craft activities during school holidays. Time commitment is one set day a week. Volunteers should have administrative skills and good team working skills. **(Ref: NY1164)**

Electrician

Newbury



A local charity that provides affordable electrical items to many people in need requires a volunteer electrician or electrical appliance mechanic. The role involves electronically testing donated white goods and other electric goods to ensure they are safe, as well as pricing and cleaning goods and helping other volunteers.

The role would suit an electrically competent volunteer who has PAT testing experience or is willing to attend a course. The volunteer should also be willing to undergo training on how to test and mend household appliances. **(Ref: NY453)**

Employability Mentors
West Berkshire



Could you share your experience of job searching and recruitment with local people looking for new or better employment? A West Berkshire project is looking to recruit Employment Mentors, who could meet someone for an hour every week or fortnight. As a mentor, you would provide support with job searching, application/CV writing and interview preparation.

The role would suit non-judgmental and encouraging volunteers, with an interest in building someone's confidence. **(Ref: NY1856)**

Engineer Volunteer
West Berkshire



A national charity helps people with disabilities become more independent by providing custom-made equipment that is not available to buy.

The charity's Berkshire branch is interested in hearing from skilled DIYers, model makers and craftspeople who have access to their own workshop, as well as the ability to design and make unique equipment that can help someone with a disability.

You will work from home, although you will need your own transport to visit clients and find out about their needs and buy equipment. The cost of materials and petrol will be reimbursed. **(Ref: NY1897)**

Enter and View Volunteer
West Berkshire



Do you have an interest in health and social care services? The West Berkshire branch of a national consumer champion organisation is seeking volunteers to visit local health and social care providers to observe and assess the services being provided.

Ideal with someone with good communication and written skills, you would conduct visits as part of a small team and be involved in writing reports recommendations for improvements.

Volunteers will need to be able to travel around West Berkshire and the time commitment involved is 1-2 hours per month. **(Ref: NY1632)**

Event Volunteers
Great Shefford



The Berkshire branch of a national charity that rescues and rehomes a variety of animals is seeking volunteers to help at its fundraising events.

The charity runs barn sales on the first weekend of each month; volunteers are needed on the Friday or Saturday to sort through items and prepare them for sale, as well as on the day of the sale. Offsite fundraising events also take place and volunteers are needed to set up, man stalls or help in the kitchen.

This opportunity would suit volunteers who are available for a couple of days a month and have an interest in animal welfare. **(Ref: NY991)**

Event Volunteers
Theale



Theale Carnival is back on Saturday 7th July 2018 and volunteers are being recruited to help with this community event. Help make the carnival a success and ensure a fun day out for all!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, both leading up to the event and on the day itself. You may wish to become involved with tasks such as selling advertising space in the carnival programme, in purchasing supplies or in distributing publicity material. On the day, volunteers are needed to set up and run stands, manage the parade, help with car parking and much more.

If you are a good teamworker who has a sense of fun, the carnival organisers are keen to hear from you. **(Ref: NY1710)**

Exercise Therapy Assistants
Thatcham



Many disabled people find it difficult to take as much exercise as they want – but a therapy centre in Thatcham is working to solve that problem for disabled people across West Berkshire. A specialised gym, equipped with power-assisted exercise equipment, is running as a not for profit venture.

You could help by joining a small team of volunteers who provide a warm welcome to people using the centre. This will include booking them in, showing them round the centre and providing encouragement and drinks. Ideal for good communicators with good IT skills. **(Ref: NY1439)**

Explorer Scout Leader

West Berkshire



Have you got a passion for adventure? Want to inspire young people? Leaders are needed for local Explorer Scout groups, which provide safe and stimulating activities to young people aged 14-18. There are four Explorer Scout groups in the Kennet area looking for support – in Kintbury, Hungerford, Shaw and Wash Common.

One week you may be rock climbing, the next doing a community service project, the week after taking the young people on a hike. No two weeks will be the same. Ongoing training is provided. There are no specific skills required – just enthusiasm, teamwork and a sense of fun! **(Ref: NY1711)**

External Engineers

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Trips take place between March and October.

Experienced engineers are needed to undertake routine checks and maintenance on the bats - this will include resolving any reported problems and following a check list. You will need relevant and proven experience and it would be useful to have own tools.

Volunteering takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY1063)**

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Facilities Coordinator

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its facilities coordinator?

The facilities coordinator will be a good organiser, who would help reduce the cost of hires, arrange block hires and be able to negotiate for the club. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+ and capable of working with community groups and the club's committee. **(Ref: NY1076)**

Family Hub Volunteer

Thatcham



Gain confidence and develop new skills by volunteering at Thatcham's Wellbeing Hub (formerly Children's Centre).

By volunteering for as little as two hours a week, you can help with the care and support of children and families. The role will enable you to get involved with a diverse range of tasks such as helping with play sessions to supporting with administration.

Full support will be given, but this role is ideal for friendly, reliable, creative and passionate people. **(Ref: NY1545)**

Feed and Change Stand Volunteer

West Berkshire



Do you have a welcoming smile and an ability to talk to others about babies and children? The local branch of a charity that supports parents provides a 'Feed and Change' stand at local events.

The stands are much loved by our parents as they give them somewhere to go, during a public event, to feed and change their baby in comfort and privacy. The stands also have activities for older siblings and games to help raise funds.

Volunteers are required to staff the stands, usually working in two hour shifts. The stands run a few weekends per year, throughout the summer. **(Ref: NY1817)**

FENNS Course Volunteers

Newbury



Could you help students learning English as an additional language? A leading local education provider runs FENNS courses (Functional Skills English courses for non-native speakers) and volunteers are needed to provide 1:1 support in the classes.

Classes are led by a tutor and take place during the day and in the evenings. Volunteers can support for just one class a week, or more if they wish. Good interpersonal skills and patience are important and whilst this role might suit those who have teaching experience, this is not essential. **(Ref: NY940)**

Finance Volunteer
West Berkshire



A national charity dedicated to fighting Inflammatory Bowel Disease is seeking a finance volunteer to join its local fundraising team.

This role involves:

- Approving invoices, bills, cheques and donations on behalf of the team
- Liaise with the Volunteer Co-ordinated Treasurer to arrange payments and request the account balance
- Pay any donated cash direct into the bank account and keep a record of payments

The team usually organise 5-10 events throughout the year and you can get involved from as little as 8 hours a month or more. **(Ref: NY1883)**

Football Volunteer
West Berkshire



One in four of us will be affected by a mental health problem this year. A local independent charity is passionate about making sports accessible to anyone experiencing problems.

The charity is looking for volunteers to help run weekly football sessions. The aim of the sessions is to aid people's recovery, whilst raising awareness, challenging misconceptions and encouraging social inclusion.

The sessions run on Tuesday afternoons in Newbury. If you have football knowledge and skills, as well as the desire to coach and encourage others, they would be keen to hear from you. **(Ref: NY1039)**

Foster Carer for dogs in need
West Berkshire



Could you provide a foster home for a dog in need? The local branch of a leading national charity is seeking volunteers who can look after dogs in their homes until a permanent home is found.

This is a seven days a week commitment, and whilst looking after the dog, there will need to be a responsible adult at home for most of the time. Many of the foster placements are at quite short notice, so volunteers will need to be adaptable to change.

You will receive full support and advice, with food, bedding and veterinary care provided. Volunteers will need to have their own transport. **(Ref: NY1708)**

Four Es to Employment Course Facilitator
West Berkshire



Do you have an HR or management background? An organisation that delivers a training course to disadvantaged and vulnerable women, including offenders, is seeking volunteers who can share their knowledge of recruitment and employment.

Four Es stands for Empower, Educate, Encourage and Employment. You will give guidance and feedback to course participants, assisting with areas such as CVs and application forms. You will play a role in ensuring participants make progress during the course, and ensure this progress is recorded.

The time commitment is a maximum of three hours a week over a period of five weeks. Volunteers should have good communication skills and a friendly, non-judgemental approach. **(Ref: NY1769)**

Friends of Thatcham Community Orchard
Thatcham



This is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, whilst getting involved with a project that runs practical tasks to reconnect broken links in the West Berkshire landscape – such as creating wildlife corridors.

Join the friends group to look after, develop and enjoy the Thatcham Community Orchard; a lovely space with 20 young fruit trees. The group meets regularly to carry out practical maintenance such as weeding & pruning, and to organise events such as picnics, talks, and an apple day. Enthusiasm is all you need! **(Ref: NY1454)**

Fruit Orchard Project Workers
West Berkshire



A national conservation charity which monitors wildlife species and habitats is seeking volunteers to carry out simple orchard surveys in the West Berkshire area. The results of these surveys will contribute to a national map of traditional orchards.

No experience is necessary, just an interest in exploring the countryside. The organisation will provide volunteers with survey packs, maps and full instructions of how to take part. Access to a car would be desirable, although not essential if you enjoy walking. **(Ref: NY920)**

Fundraiser
West Berkshire



A charity that provides hospice care to children and young people is looking to recruit volunteer fundraisers. Could you help raise awareness and funds in the local community?

You could volunteer as part of a fundraising group or individually. The role could include looking after collection boxes, giving promotional presentations and talks or helping at events. The main requirement is having a passion for the cause, and the charity can provide you with training. **(Ref: NY477)**

Fundraiser
Newbury



Do you have experience of fundraising or bid writing? Would you be interested in supporting a local charity which provides advice to victims of domestic abuse? The charity is entering its third year of operation, and is keen to attract an enthusiastic volunteer who can help attract new funding and come up with new fundraising ideas.

The role would take around ten hours a month, and could be carried out largely from home. The volunteer could also help out at fundraising events such as sponsored walks. **(Ref: NY1695)**

Fundraiser
Newbury



A local organisation that performs musicals and concerts in Newbury is seeking a volunteer fundraiser.

The role will probably not require the volunteer to organise events, but rather to exploit fund suppliers such as arts councils. The ideal volunteer will have experience of fundraising and grant writing. Time commitment is a couple of hours each fortnight. **(Ref: NY1816)**

Fundraiser/Event Support
West Berkshire



A local charity is dedicated to developing a children's hospice service in Berkshire; volunteers are needed to assist with fundraising events to help the organisation achieve its goal.

Could you help out at a village fair, quiz night or sporting event? Or perhaps you could organise your own fundraising event. Events are typically held at weekends and so the charity is looking for volunteers who have time available on a Saturday or Sunday. The charity would welcome enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy working as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1475)**

Fundraiser for feline friends
West Berkshire



Join the friendly team that help make a difference to a local charity that rehome approximately 1000 cats and kittens each year. The Newbury branch has to find over £125,000 a year to fund their work.

There are many ways in which volunteers can help raise these funds, such as organising and helping at fundraising events ranging from jumble sales to open days, but new ideas are always welcomed. Ideal for enthusiastic individuals who have a love of cats. **(Ref: NY113)**

Fundraisers
West Berkshire



Make a difference by joining a small, local fundraising group that is raising money to support WaterAid projects in areas such as Madagascar.

The local WaterAid group would like volunteers to help with events such as bake and plant sales and coffee mornings. Good humour and a little time is all that is needed to help ensure clean water and safe sanitation can be available to all. **(Ref: NY1539)**

Fundraising Coordinator
West Berkshire



The local branch of a charity that supports parents is looking for someone to help raise funds by researching and applying for grants. By helping with fundraising, you can enable the branch to maximise the support and activities they provide for local families and expectant parents.

The time commitment for the role will average a few hours a month, and the branch holds meetings in the evenings every six to eight weeks. **(Ref: NY1818)**

Fundraising Event Organiser

West Berkshire



A charity which uses gardening to improve the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities and illness is looking for volunteers who can organise events in their local area to raise funds.

This role involves helping to plan, organise and review fundraising events such as coffee mornings, garden parties and fashion shows. Some of the tasks you might be involved in include venue research, promotion, ticketing and sourcing entertainment, prizes and catering. The role is suitable for volunteers with excellent organisational and communication skills, and a clean driving licence with an ability to travel locally. **(Ref: NY1720)**

Fundraising Group Leader

West Berkshire



Could you lead and coordinate a local group that raises money for a leading health charity?

The role involves organising fundraising events, building relationships between members and attracting new ones. You would act as the face of the charity within your local community.

The fundraising group would meet a minimum of once a month in order to plan events, however the time commitment depends on how many events you decide to hold. **(Ref: NY1866)**

Fundraising Group Member

West Berkshire



If you have great interpersonal skills and enjoy being part of a team, you could be part of a local group that raises money for a leading health charity. The role involves helping to organise and run fundraising events, with the group meeting once a month to plan and share ideas. You would also play an important part in promoting the charity's aims within the local community.

The group is supported by the local fundraising manager at the charity, who will help give you an insight into its work. **(Ref: NY1824)**

Fundraising Guru

Newbury



A community radio station with a strong local focus is looking for someone who has previous experience of fundraising, grant applications and/or event management. Although the station is staffed by volunteers, it still costs money to run, which has to be raised through fundraising, grants and sponsorship deals.

The station is keen to hear from someone with innovative, attention grabbing promotional ideas that will help them stand out from the crowd. **(Ref: NY1315)**

Fundraising Research Volunteer

West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Could you use your computer skills to conduct research, to support the local fundraising team? This role will involve working from home using your own computer/internet to researching into fundraising prospects and opportunities, and collating and recording this information. Volunteers will be given relevant training and supported by the charity's Regional Fundraising Manager. **(Ref: NY1587)**

Fundraising Team Leader and Members

West Berkshire



A well-established local Christian group is committed to bringing hope to those who need it by using a converted double decker bus to act as a mobile resource. Volunteers are needed to help raise funds for the service. A fundraising team leader is needed who has the skills to lead the existing team and encourage new volunteers to become involved. Experience of fundraising or working in a target environment might be useful for this role.

Alternatively, as a team member, you can help with coming up with ideas and helping run the different fundraising events the charity puts on. No special skills are required, just enthusiasm and ideas to share! **(Ref: NY1103)**

Fundraising Trading Secretary

West Berkshire



The local fundraising group of a charity which supports people with visual impairment is looking for a volunteer trading secretary, who will be responsible for the charity merchandise sold at local events.

Ideal for a well-organised person, the role will involve monitoring stock levels, ordering merchandise and arranging its storage. You will also be responsible for banking the money made from selling items.

The time commitment is flexible, but is expected to be around one day a month. Much of the organisational work can be done from home, but you would also attend events to sell merchandise. **(Ref: NY1664)**

Fundraising Team Member

Chieveley



You can help an organisation in Chieveley that works with young children by becoming part of its Big FUNdraising Challenge. Volunteers are needed to help out with organising small and large fundraising events, such as pub quizzes, fetes, murder mystery nights, online auctions and more.

Fundraising experience is not essential, just enthusiasm and the ability to work as part of a team. Most of the work could be conducted by e-mail, with an evening meeting every six weeks. **(Ref: NY1748)**

Fundraising Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction houses over 600 species of plants and animals. A volunteer is being sought to assist with fundraising applications, with an opportunity to become involved in the writing of them.

The volunteer should have good communication and organisation skills, as well as IT skills. A good level of numeracy and literacy would be an advantage. **(Ref: NY676)**

Fundraising Volunteers

West Berkshire



A local charity which is dedicated to saving lives through providing emergency services is looking for volunteers to join its fundraising team. The charity receives no government or lottery funding, and so relies on volunteers to help raise the vital funds it needs.

A number of different opportunities are available, including supporting at fundraising events, managing collection boxes and public speaking. If you are a car driver, enthusiastic and have good basic IT skills, the charity would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY499)**

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Gardener

Newbury



A local charity with a centre in Shaw is looking for a volunteer gardener to help out for a minimum of one hour a week. The centre has a small garden, and as a volunteer, you would help maintain and develop the area and keep it in good condition.

Equipment can be provided (or bring your own) and tasks will include weeding, tidying hedges, path clearance, raking and deadheading. **(Ref: NY1836)**

Gardener/Handyperson

Newbury



A local organisation that supports homeless people is seeking a volunteer to help with the general upkeep of its gardens.

You would be supported by staff and other volunteers to maintain the large grounds, help with basic DIY tasks and teach new skills to users of the service.

If you have one day a week to spare, as well as an interest in helping people, the organisation would be interested in hearing from you. Gardening equipment will be provided. **(Ref: NY1827)**

Gardening Assistants

Headley



A local charity runs a project aiming to give people from all walks of life the chance to learn about growing a range of fruit and vegetables. There are many volunteering, training and learning opportunities at the 1.5 hectare site, offering a training area and educational facility for local groups and individuals, promoting interest and awareness in local food.

Volunteers with an interest in gardening are needed to assist with the many tasks it takes to keep the site running smoothly. **(Ref: NY1182)**

Gardening Project Support Worker

Beech Hill



Do you enjoy being outdoors? Do you like the idea of supporting disabled people with growing beautiful things? A charity which uses gardening to improve the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities and illness is looking for volunteers to help in the garden.

Volunteers will work alongside a therapist and other volunteers and are required on week days. Volunteers are asked to do at least one day a week. **(Ref: NY1284)**

Garden Support Volunteers

Kingsclere



If you have an interest in gardening, and a patient and caring nature, then you could help a local charity that is dedicated to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities, as well as their carers. They have a site near Kingsclere that provides a therapeutic gardening experience, as well as encouraging the development of social skills in a safe environment.

Volunteers are needed to offer gardening guidance, with the opportunity to experience the rewards of helping others progress. **(Ref: NY1565)**

Gateway Club Volunteers

Newbury



A local club run on Wednesday evenings gives adults with learning disabilities an opportunity to socialise and enjoy a wide range of activities. The club is always looking for volunteers to support its staff in providing these activities. In particular, they need a volunteer to help run their tuck shop.

You do not need any particular skills other than a positive attitude and a willingness to try new things. Ideal for happy, cheerful volunteers with an ability to empathise with people with disabilities. **(Ref: NY83)**

Grant Application Writer

West Berkshire



A well-established local Christian group is committed to bringing hope to those who need it by using a converted double decker bus to act as a mobile resource.

An experienced Grant Application Writer is needed to help raise both funds and awareness of the charity. If you have skills in applying for grants or contacting trusts for funds, they would love to hear from you. Good administrative skills are important for this role. **(Ref: NY1209)**

Grants Writer

Newbury



A Newbury-based arts and community centre has become a valued hub for numerous social groups and performers, but it takes quite a lot to keep it going.

The centre is seeking a knowledgeable volunteer who could help with promoting the charity and writing applications for grants/funding. Knowledge of grant applications and arts funding is desirable. **(Ref: NY1350)**

Green Gym

West Berkshire



Green Gyms are fun and free outdoor sessions where you will be guided in practical activities such as planting trees, sowing meadows and establishing wildlife ponds. The emphasis is very much on health and fitness – volunteers warm up and cool down in preparation for activities to suit all abilities.

Why not join the local group that meets on Monday mornings at sites across the West Berkshire area? You will have the satisfaction of taking part in a variety of tasks to benefit you – as well as the local community. **(Ref: NY1053)**

Groundsman

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its groundsman?

The groundsman is a key member of the team, safety checking equipment and looking after pitches to ensure they are playable. The role would include pitch marking. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+, fit and have an appreciation for health and safety. **(Ref: NY1080)**

Group Secretary

Newbury



Do you have good organisational and planning skills and an understanding of the effects of Macular Degeneration (MD)? A new local support group helping people with the condition is looking for a volunteer secretary.

The role involves supporting the group leader in the running of the group by carrying out administrative tasks such as keeping registers of attendees, booking speakers and ensuring that contact details are up-to-date and comply with database protection. Time commitment is two to four hours a month. The group meetings are held once a month on Friday afternoons. **(Ref: NY1735)**

Group Treasurer

Newbury



Do you have a positive approach and good organisation skills? A new local support group helping people with Macular Disease is looking for a volunteer treasurer.

The role involves tasks such as collecting subscriptions from members, being the main contact on the group bank account, keeping records of incomings and outgoings, completing annual accounts and overseeing fundraising. Time commitment is two to four hours a month. The group meetings are held once a month on Friday afternoons. **(Ref: NY1739)**

Group Volunteer

Newbury



Friendly volunteers are required to help with the running of a local support group for people affected by Macular Disease.

As a volunteer, you would assist with setting up the room, serving refreshments, meeting and greeting members, washing up and providing general help.

The group meets monthly on a Friday afternoon, with time commitment being two to four hours a month. By giving a little of your time, you can help those living with Macular Disease, as well as raise awareness of the condition. **(Ref: NY1878)**

Guiders and Unit Helpers

Newbury



Are you interested in helping children and young people fulfil their potential? Girlguiding is the UK's largest voluntary organisation for girls and young woman, and volunteers are sought in Newbury to help provide members with fun and challenging activities.

If you have bags of enthusiasm, and a willingness to get involved, you could make an ideal unit helper whatever your skills and interests. Volunteers will be provided with full induction and training. **(Ref: NY348)**

Guide Leaders

Thatcham



There are currently around 44,000 girls and young women on lists waiting to join Girlguiding in the UK. Through volunteering, you can ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the chance to experience the fun and challenge of guiding.

Volunteers are being sought for groups in the Thatcham area. This is an ideal opportunity to gain experience in working with young people, or to use your existing expertise. You will need good communication skills and an ability to relate to young people. You will be provided with good support and ongoing training opportunities. **(Ref: NY1177)**

Guide Leaders and Assistants

Burghfield, Mortimer



Could you help girls and young women in Burghfield, Mortimer or Aldermaston experience the fun and challenge of guiding?

Volunteers of all backgrounds are being sought to help with the running of the local groups.

The main skills required are communication and an ability to relate to young people. Training will be provided and this is an ideal opportunity for gaining experience with children and young people. **(Ref: NY1282)**

Guide Leaders and Assistants

West Berkshire



There are currently around 44,000 girls and young women on lists waiting to join Girlguiding in the UK. Through volunteering, you can ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the chance to experience the fun and challenge of guiding.

Volunteers are being sought for groups in Cold Ash, Hermitage, Bucklebury and Compton. This is an ideal opportunity to gain experience in working with young people, or to use your existing expertise. You will need good communication skills and an ability to relate to young people. You will be provided with good support and ongoing training opportunities. **(Ref: NY1313)**

Guide Unit Helper

Donnington



A fun natured volunteer is needed to get involved with a Newbury branch of the UK's largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women. With the support of volunteers, members get involved with a range of fun activities and challenges that enable them to develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.

If you have spare time on Friday evenings, enjoy a challenge and have a "can do attitude, then your contribution can ensure this group continues to run. **(Ref: NY1507)**

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Handybus Drivers

Newbury



Newbury Handybus helps people who are unable to use public transport to get out on shopping trips and social outings of all kinds. The minibuses are driven by volunteers who give up some of their spare time to contribute to those in the Newbury community.

New volunteer drivers are always welcomed, ideal for those with empathy and awareness of the needs of the elderly and disabled.

Volunteers must be over 25, have a D1 category on their licence or a midas certificate, or be prepared to undergo a short test to acquire one, which will be arranged. **(Ref: NY106)**

Hedgehog Carers

Thattham



A small Thattham based charity has been working hard for many years to care for sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs, with the aim of releasing those capable back to the wild. If you have an interest in helping wildlife, then you could get involved by providing much needed help with the general care and cleaning of the hedgehogs – which at busy times can be as many as 100 or more!

Ideal for enthusiastic and committed individuals, willing to get involved with practical, hands on volunteering. Will be dirty, and very smelly – but the rewards of discovering the characters of the little creatures as you care for them will make it worthwhile. **(Ref: NY1066)**

Helper in School

Mortimer



If you have good communication skills and an interest in education, you could volunteer for a Mortimer primary school. There are a wide range of activities you can take part in, including hearing children read, cooking, sewing, making and creating role play areas, literacy, numeracy and ICT.

If you have a specific skill that you would like to pass on to the children, the school would be delighted to hear from you. **(Ref: NY1271)**

Helpline Volunteer

Newbury



A local service which supports those who have experienced domestic abuse runs a volunteer programme which is rewarding and gives you the chance to make a real difference to people's lives.

Volunteers are needed to provide support via the service's helpline. This is an opportunity for someone who is interested in obtaining experience of supporting victims of domestic abuse and learning new skills in a challenging but supportive environment.

A commitment of at least half a day a week is required, and volunteers should ideally be able to commit for at least a year due to the extensive training involved. **(Ref: NY1689)**

Helpline Volunteer

Reading



Do you have good listening and communication skills? Are you empathic and non-judgemental? A service based in Reading which supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse is seeking volunteers for its helpline. You will support callers by providing a safe space for them to share their feelings, giving information and signposting them to other relevant services.

An understanding of the issues surrounding sexual abuse would be an advantage, however full training will be provided. Volunteers will also have access to monthly clinical group supervision. **(Ref: NY1480)**

Hoarding Support Volunteers

West Berkshire



Hoarding Disorder is an often misunderstood but specific mental health problem that manifests itself in a number of ways and can cause conflict and anxiety for those affected by it and those trying to help. Caring, non-judgemental, patient and physically fit volunteers are being recruited to receive the training needed to work alongside experts and support people affected by hoarding.

This is a highly rewarding opportunity for those with the key skill of seeing life through someone else's eyes and removing their own views and opinions of what should be done. **(Ref: NY1548)**

Home Friendship Visitors

West Berkshire



A national charity, which provides support to retired civil servants, is looking to recruit home friendship volunteers. As a volunteer, you would make home visits and offer companionship, thus helping to reduce loneliness and social isolation. The purpose of the visits is to befriend, rather than offer professional advice.

Volunteers will be trained prior to visits, and transport costs are reimbursed. This role is suitable for good listeners who can take an interest in older people. There is a specific need for volunteers in Newbury and Thatcham. **(Ref: NY1553)**

Home Visitors

West Berkshire



Do you have an interest in supporting military veterans, serving personnel and their families in West Berkshire? A national charity which works with current and former members of the forces requires volunteers to visit clients in their homes to provide a listening ear.

A forces background is not essential, but you will need good communication and listening skills, and basic IT skills are desirable. **(Ref: NY1532)**

Home Visitors/Befrienders

West Berkshire



Being visually impaired can be a lonely and isolating experience. If you have some spare time, a sense of humour and good listening skills, then you could make a difference to the lives of people in the Newbury and Hungerford area.

Volunteers are needed with an hour to spare every week or so to visit one person, providing a listening ear, friendly support and possibly help with some practical tasks. Training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY390)**

Honorary Treasurer

West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity with over 40 years' experience in community development work is looking for an Honorary Treasurer to join its board of trustees.

The role will involve guiding and advising the other trustees in the interpretation and approval of budgets, accounts, financial statements and cash flow. You would advise on the financial implications of strategic plans and help ensure that the charity's financial resources will allow it to meet its aims.

The post will be initially for three years, and up to a maximum of six years. The ideal volunteer will have a professional qualification in accounting or finance, but a sound financial knowledge and experience would also suffice. **(Ref: NY758)**

Horticultural Team Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction houses over 600 species of plants. Because there are so many species, volunteers are needed to join the organisation's horticultural team. Duties include watering, construction and planting of new beds, plant maintenance and lots of physical work!

Although experience is not essential for this role, a background in horticulture of any kind is preferable. Time commitment is one set day per week, or two afternoons. **(Ref: NY679)**

Host Families

West Berkshire



Make the world a little friendlier! Spend a day or weekend with an adult international student, learning about their culture, showing them your local area and inviting them to experience your own home life.

Volunteer hosts invite students to visit for a day or weekend so the student can experience 'real' Britain, away from university and heavy tourism and learn about different cultures. You can choose how often you host and how many you can welcome. If you'd like to enjoy an unusual and rewarding activity, and travel the world from your sofa, get in touch! **(Ref: NY1600, NY1601)**

Host/Hostess

West Berkshire



Make a real difference to the lives of older people locally by hosting a small group at your home for tea, talk and companionship. Meetings take place once a month, usually on a Sunday afternoon, for between two to three hours. Guests are collected and driven to your home by volunteer drivers.

A different volunteer hosts the meet-up each month, which lasts between two to three hours and is attended by six to nine older guests and their drivers. You can help reduce the isolation sometimes felt by older people by volunteering for this role. **(Ref: NY451)**

I

ICED Drivers

Newbury



Do you own an all-terrain vehicle? When it's needed most could you offer a little help by becoming an ICED driver? ICED stands for "In Case of Emergency Drivers". We are recruiting volunteer drivers with 4 x 4 or all-terrain vehicles, willing to help out in their local communities in severe weather conditions.

From collecting prescriptions to emergency provisions delivered people in the community, ICED drivers are needed now so that they are signed up and ready to be called on should there be a demand. **(Ref: NY1034)**

Independent Custody Visitor

Newbury



If you are a good listener, non-judgemental, unprejudiced and have an interest in the rights of others, then you could make an ideal independent custody visitor.

Volunteers with an hour to spare every couple of weeks are needed to visit Newbury Police Station to check on the welfare of detainees and monitor the conditions in which they are held.

These visits help foster better public confidence that prisoners are treated in accordance with legal guidelines. Any problems highlighted during the spot-check are brought to the attention of custody staff and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. **(Ref: NY987)**

Independent Visitors, Mentors and Advocates

West Berkshire



Did you have someone who listened to you or was a positive influence when you were growing up? Now you could do the same by volunteering with a charity that works with vulnerable young people.

Independent Visitors/Mentors meet with a young person one day a month (usually on a weekend) to share activities, acting as a mentor and providing a long term friendship. Advocates help ensure a young person's voice is heard at meetings and reviews and the role would be suited to a volunteer with availability during the week.

Full training will be provided so no specific qualifications are required, just an ability to relate to young people. Volunteers need to be aged 21+. **(Ref: NY1741)**

Information Room Volunteers

West Berkshire



This is an opportunity to join a dedicated team of trained volunteers who enjoy helping people to find out the right information about medical conditions and other related issues. Following training, you will join a team in the local hospital who are kept busy signposting patients and visitors to accredited information and useful services.

Ideal if you have good communication skills, a friendly nature and can show a natural empathy to people from time to time who might be distressed, anxious or worried. Good basic IT skills will be required, but training in specific systems will be provided. **(Ref: NY377)**

In Memoriam Secretary

West Berkshire



A leading health charity is seeking volunteers to join its team as in memoriam secretaries. The role involves building a relationship with local funeral directors to help them understand the impact of in memoriam donations.

As a volunteer, you would collect and bank donations and write to bereaved families to acknowledge and thank them for their donations. The volunteer should have access to a computer and e-mail, and the role should require approximately two hours per week. Volunteers will need the ability to deal sensitively with those suffering bereavement. **(Ref: NY415)**

Internal Engineers

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Trips take place between March and October.

Internal engineers are needed to undertake a routine check of equipment to ensure it is in good order, and repair/replace as necessary - or report required repairs. This role is suited to those who don't mind getting dirty and have a "hands-on" approach. Volunteering takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY1062)**

Internet Shopping Volunteer

Newbury



Being able to get out for shopping, or make purchases online, is something many of us take for granted. But for many older people, this may not be so simple and can have an impact on their ability to lead independent lives.

A scheme has been developed to overcome this problem by giving elderly people the ability to undertake their supermarket shopping online, with the telephone support of an office based volunteer.

This is an ideal opportunity for individuals with a caring and friendly attitude, who have confidence using the internet and 2-4 hours to spare on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. **(Ref: NY760)**

Interpretation & Communication Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals is looking for a volunteer to assist its maintenance team.

An interpretation volunteer is required to assist with development of signage, and this will include researching information for displays and suggesting new approaches to visual communication and display materials.

Full training will be provided. The ideal volunteer will have good written communication skills, an interest in conservation and the ability to carry out in-depth topic research. **(Ref: NY675)**

IT Support Volunteer

West Berkshire



Do you have a good understanding of computers of IT? Would you like to pass on this knowledge to others?

Local libraries are recruiting volunteers to help support users with IT.

The role could involve supporting people who are completing online courses, helping someone take their first steps on a computer or tablet and assisting with e-mail accounts. There is also the opportunity to help with Code Club, an initiative which teaches computer coding to children. **(Ref: NY1846)**

IT Support Volunteer

West Berkshire



A national charity is seeking volunteers in West Berkshire to join its IT support network.

They are looking for people who are interested and skilled in computers and technology to visit disabled and older people in their own homes to help with their IT needs. Volunteers may be asked to help set up computer systems, install software or hardware, troubleshoot problems or even help to change a printer cartridge or give some basic training on how to use systems.

Volunteers are needed with experience of Windows and Apple systems, as well as tablets including Android. **(Ref: NY1888)**

J

Junior Youth Club Assistant

Newbury



Are you friendly and approachable, and do you have an interest in the welfare and development of young people?

A Newbury Youth Club is looking for a volunteer who can give a regular commitment to help with its sessions on Tuesday evenings and in the school holidays. As a volunteer, you will help develop a varied programme of activities for the young people, in consultation with them and other volunteers. Volunteers need to be willing to set a level of discipline, whilst at the same time ensuring the young people are safe and having fun. **(Ref: NY1751)**

K

Kit and Equipment Coordinator

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its kit and equipment coordinator?

The coordinator should be a well organised individual who is able to manage an inventory and put in a plan to reduce kit costs. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+ and have good organisational skills. **(Ref: NY1079)**

L

Finance Volunteer

West Berkshire



A national charity dedicated to fighting Inflammatory Bowel Disease is seeking a finance volunteer to join its local fundraising team.

This role involves:

- Approving invoices, bills, cheques and donations on behalf of the team
- Liaise with the Volunteer Co-ordinated Treasurer to arrange payments and request the account balance
- Pay any donated cash direct into the bank account and keep a record of payments

The team usually organise 5-10 events throughout the year and you can get involved from as little as 8 hours a month or more. **(Ref: NY1883)**

Lead Event and Activities Organiser

West Berkshire



A national charity dedicated to fighting Inflammatory Bowel Disease is seeking a volunteer to lead its local team organising events and activities.

The role involves bringing the team together to plan and deliver local activity, encouraging new ideas and ways to raise awareness and supporting the team to build good relationships in the local community.

The role is very flexible and volunteers can get involved at any time. The team usually organise 5-10 events throughout the year and you can get involved from as little as 8 hours a month or more. **(Ref: NY1882)**

Lead Fundraising Organiser

Newbury



A local organisation which aims to increase awareness of Parkinson's Disease, and raise vital funds, is seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate fundraising activities.

The role involves organising events, developing and researching new fundraising opportunities and completing paperwork to obtain grants.

The role would suit a volunteer with good organisational, IT and interpersonal skills, and a proactive attitude. The minimum commitment needed would be one day a week, with a committee meeting held every six weeks. **(Ref: NY1798)**

League Representative

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its league representative?

The league representative will have a good understanding of local football issues, be a willing participant in dealing with enquiries from all the teams and give feedback to the committee/club members. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+ and a good communicator. **(Ref: NY1082)**

Learning Disability Befrienders

West Berkshire



Could you act as a befriender to somebody with a learning disability, improving their social connectivity, confidence and independence? An organisation that provides care to adults with learning disabilities is seeking empathetic and non-judgemental volunteers who can befriend their clients.

The role involves developing a trusting and positive relationship, supporting with travel training, exploring new hobbies and activities, encouraging choices and monitoring wellbeing. Time commitment is two hours per week. **(Ref: NY1859)**

Lecture Organiser

Newbury



A local society that promotes, protects and preserves the built environment of Newbury is seeking a volunteer to arrange their annual programme of eight lectures.

The lecture organiser would enjoy making contact with potential lecturers/speakers who can cover topics covering Newbury life and heritage, as well as arranging dates. The time commitment would be about four hours a month and require attendance at bi-monthly meetings. This role would suit good communicators with an interest in Newbury's heritage. **(Ref: NY1426)**

Lego Club Playworker

Woolhampton



Young people love to play with Lego, but it is now widely used as an alternative therapy to help children with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC), helping with their development in a way that appeals to their attraction to systems and construction.

Volunteers are needed to get involved with a club that meets two Saturdays a month in Woolhampton. This would involve helping children with an ASC to design and build with Lego. Ideal for volunteers with patience and good communication skills. **(Ref: NY1595)**

Lesson Volunteers

Hampstead Norreys



Do you enjoy working outdoors and have a love of animals and supporting others? A local organisation provides horse riding lessons to children with physical and learning disabilities. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the ponies for the lessons, act as a pony leader or to walk alongside the rider giving support.

The time commitment is approximately two hours a week, during the day and in term-time only. Experience of horse or pony care is welcomed, although not essential as training can be provided. **(Ref: NY62)**

Library Assistant

Kingsclere



A charity based in Kingsclere creates and publishes books for people who are blind or partially sighted. The charity is looking for volunteers to help with the day-to-day running of its library service.

The role involves contacting and talking on the telephone to library members, obtaining information from them and inputting it onto a spreadsheet.

This volunteering opportunity requires a weekly commitment of 2-3 hours per week and full training and support will be given. **(Ref: NY1771)**

Literacy Mentors

West Berkshire



If you have an interest in reading then consider joining a scheme set up to encourage primary school children to discover the love of books. Volunteers are needed to train as mentors and meet the increasing demand in the Newbury area. You'll experience the rewards of watching the children gain confidence as they learn in sessions of reading, talking and playing games.

No special skills are required, just lots of patience, a love of reading and an interest in children. **(Ref: NY769)**

Line Drawer

Kingsclere



If you are highly skilled at drawing, you may be interested in a new volunteer role with a charity based in Kingsclere that creates and publishes books for people who are blind or partially sighted.

As a volunteer, you will help produce line drawings to be used as the basis for tactile images that can be felt in the books. You will be aiming to create line drawings that match the characters in the books as much as possible. The charity is looking for help on an ad hoc basis, as and when the next project arises. The volunteer would need to attend a couple of sessions per project at the charity's offices. **(Ref: NY1703)**

Listening Volunteers

Newbury



A national charity that provides a 24-hour confidential listening service to people in personal crisis would welcome new volunteers for their Newbury branch.

They are looking for caring, friendly people, of all backgrounds, who happy to listen and empathise but not to judge. Once trained, a commitment of about four hours a week is required, together with one night duty every five weeks. **(Ref: NY10)**

Local Community Event Co-Ordinator

West Berkshire



A charity dedicated to the rehoming and rescue of dogs is looking for a volunteer to help raise money and awareness by organising and running cake sales, meet-and-greets, walks and stalls at local events.

Time commitment is 2-4 hours per week depending on the time of year (there may be more public events like fairs on during the spring and summer). **(Ref: NY1822)**

Local Volunteer Board Chair

West Berkshire



Would you like to work with a group of other volunteers to oversee the delivery of a programme locally that helps young people learn about running a business?

Activities including recruiting and training other volunteers, organising and running competition events, networking and developing relationships with supporting organisations and fundraising. As board chair, you would oversee the monthly meetings.

All board members have one thing in common – a desire to pass on their skills and experience of business to the next generation. **(Ref: NY1871)**

Local Volunteer Board Member

West Berkshire



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Activities including recruiting and training other volunteers, organising and running competition events, networking and developing relationships with supporting organisations and fundraising. Board meetings are held monthly.

All board members have one thing in common – a desire to pass on their skills and experience of business to the next generation. **(Ref: NY1872)**

M

Maintenance Team Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals is looking for a volunteer to assist its maintenance team. The attraction's greenhouses require ongoing maintenance and development, and there are always new exhibits to construct.

Although experience is not essential, knowledge of carpentry, building or another related trade would be welcomed. Good team working skills are essential, and full training will be given. Time commitment is one day a week on a Tuesday. **(Ref: NY680)**

Marketing Assistant Volunteer

Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals is looking for a volunteer to assist in its marketing department. Areas covered range from designing promotional literature through to involvement in a schools essay competition.

Training will be provided, but the ideal volunteer will have an interest in marketing, as well as good communication, organisational and IT skills. **(Ref: NY678)**

Marketing Communications and Membership Coordinator

Newbury



The local branch of a charity that supports parents is seeking a volunteer to work on its marketing communications. This will involve sending out e-mails using the MailChimp system and producing posters, leaflets and flyers.

The time commitment is expected to be a few hours a month, with more input being required if events are being organised. Branch meetings are held every six to eight weeks, although it is not necessary to attend them all. You don't necessarily need to have had professional marketing experience, although creativity and access to a computer are essential. **(Ref: NY1857)**

Marketing Volunteer

Thatcham



Do you have an interest in rugby and experience of marketing and PR? A Thatcham sports club is looking for a volunteer to develop its brand image locally. The role will include advising the club committee on marketing, developing links with local media, website design and maintenance, social media, establishing links with local businesses and advertising design.

Most of the club's activities take place at weekends, and the role will involve occasional attendance at these. Committee meetings are held in the evening, not more than once a month. **(Ref: NY1855)**

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Newbury



A local charity that promotes the well-being of older people in the Newbury area needs more drivers and driver's mates to assist with the delivery of meals on wheels.

This vital service is needed to help people who find it hard to prepare their own meals and do their own shopping. For them, it is a lifeline, and their families can feel reassured they are having a hot meal. There are three rounds, covering North, South and Central Newbury, with about 10-15 deliveries on each round. Ideal for caring, friendly people with a couple of hours to spare on one or more days each week. **(Ref: NY1123)**

Media and Web Officer

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its media and web officer?

The role involves managing the web site and working with local news media and radio to publicise the club's achievements. The ideal volunteer will be aged 21+, fully web literate and a good communicator. **(Ref: NY1077)**

Media Team Volunteer (Youth)

West Berkshire



Are you aged between 15-21? An organisation which is a consumer champion for health and social care in West Berkshire is looking for young volunteers to join its media team.

As a volunteer, you could be involved in creating videos and audio, designing posters, web development and maintaining social media accounts. The aim is to develop the organisation's advertising to young people. The time commitment is approximately ten hours over six months. **(Ref: NY1673)**

Men's Pie and Pint Lunch Club Volunteer

Newbury



A new initiative in Newbury is planning to run "Pie and a Pint" lunch time sessions to assist with the breaking of social isolation for older men. A volunteer who enjoys social gatherings is being sought to organise the monthly sessions, promote them and book the venue.

The role might suit two volunteers working together. Volunteers should be able to commit to running the sessions on a regular basis, enjoy organising, be calm and have a good sense of humour. **(Ref: NY1880)**

**Memory Café
Supporter**
Thattham



A new weekly drop-in session designed to support people living with dementia and their loved ones will shortly be launching in Thattham. Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help with the running of the sessions on Friday afternoons.

The role will involve meeting and greeting, supporting with giving out cake and coffee, helping with activities such as art and games and chatting to users of the service.

No specific qualifications are required, just a desire to socialise, listen and talk. Induction and training will be provided and cake bakers would be welcomed! **(Ref: NY1893)**

**Mentor – Positive
Futures**
West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity is launching a new service to support long-term diagnosed HIV positive people and reduce their isolation.

Could you be part of the project and become a volunteer mentor? The role involves spending an hour a week with someone who is HIV positive, helping them learn a new skill, attend a class, speak out about their likes and dislikes or just have a chat.

Full training and ongoing supervision and support will be provided. The charity is looking for kind, patient and outgoing volunteers with a sense of humour. The role will give you the opportunity to unlock the potential of someone living with HIV, as well as reduce the stigma still associated with it. **(Ref: NY1787)**

Merchandiser
Pangbourne



One of the country's leading charity shop outlets has a branch in Pangbourne. Volunteers are required at various times for general shop work to include pricing, sorting, general shop presentation and display.

The role would be suited to those with good customer service skills who enjoy volunteering as part of a diverse team. Training on using the till be provided. You can help play a part in reducing poverty and injustice by volunteering for the shop. **(Ref: NY1332)**

Minutes Secretary
Newbury



The trustees of a local charity which offers support to stroke survivors is looking for a volunteer secretary to take minutes at their quarterly meetings.

This role would be suitable for someone who is skilled at taking notes and comfortable using computers and e-mail. The time commitment is approximately three hours every three months, and meetings take place in Newbury on Thursday afternoons. **(Ref: NY1657)**

Minutes Secretary
Newbury



A local organisation, which helps to promote safer communities and crime reduction, is seeking a volunteer secretary to take minutes at its meetings and then type them up.

There are two groups needing minutes to be taken – one holds meetings four times a year on a Monday evening and the other holds meetings six times a year, mainly on Tuesday evenings.

Both types of meeting are held in Newbury. **(Ref: NY1890)**

Minibus Driver
Newbury



A local organisation which provides carers with breaks from caring is looking for a volunteer to drive their minibus on two Saturdays each month. As a volunteer, you will pick up older clients with dementia from their homes and take them to an activities session in Newbury. At the end of the session, you will drive clients back home.

Ideal for a confident driver with a sympathetic nature, you will be supported on the bus by a carer from the organisation. A clean license is essential, as is having D1 category on it. **(Ref: NY1684)**

Minibus Driver
Newbury



A charity which supports people who are homeless is looking for a minibus driver volunteer, to drive clients to and from appointments, move-on visits and external trips.

The role would be ad-hoc, and you would be e-mailed or telephoned the week before to check availability.

The role would suit a flexible volunteer with good communication skills. You will need a clean UK driving licence with D1, midas training (this can be arranged) and be aged 25 or older. **(Ref: NY1828)**

Minibus Drivers
Theale, Pangbourne



Help the elderly and disabled in the Theale and Pangbourne area to get out and about on shopping and social outings.

New volunteers are needed who could give up their spare time to drive a minibus. Ideal for those with a friendly and supportive nature. Volunteers must have a D1/D1e category on their licence and be prepared to undergo a short test. **(Ref: NY1237)**

Minibus Escort
Beech Hill



One of the UK's leading gardening charities has a garden in the Beech Hill area of West Berkshire. Gardening is used to bring about positive changes to the lives of people with disabilities.

A volunteer minibus escort is required to support the driver when collecting and taking home the charity's clients from various locations in North Hampshire. Your role would include helping clients when boarding and disembarking, supervising clients during the journey, and becoming familiar with routes to assist the driver.

Escorts are required from Tuesday to Thursday, and volunteers can do one or more of these days. This is not a driving role, so is open to those who do not have a driving licence. The escort would go to Beech Hill first and be dropped off there at the end. **(Ref: NY1773)**

Mobility Aids Spoke Volunteer
Newbury



The local branch of a national charity that loans out wheelchairs is in need of more volunteers. The service helps people return to their own homes after illness or surgery, enabling them to live as actively and independently as possible whilst they recover.

Volunteers who like dealing with people and have good organisational skills are required to help issue wheelchairs, demonstrate their use and keeping computer records of loans. Volunteers are required on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. **(Ref: NY461)**

Money Management Volunteer
West Berkshire



A charity dedicated to promoting the wellbeing of older people is recruiting calm and friendly volunteers to help with its money management service. As a volunteer, you would carry out visits to an older person living locally to support them with managing their budget. This could include helping with payment of bills, setting up direct debits or helping arrange payment plans to clear debts.

Time commitment is 2-4 hours a week and you will need to have access to transport. Financial experience or knowledge of the benefits system might be advantageous, but a common-sense approach to managing money is more important. **(Ref: NY1406)**

Museum Visitor Assistants
Newbury



This is an exciting opportunity for volunteers to be the public face of the recently refurbished museum in Newbury. Volunteers are being recruited to help visitors feel welcome and to ensure visits run as smoothly as possible.

You would get involved with a variety of tasks, including welcoming visitors, answering enquiries, assisting with access needs, selling merchandise and helping with special events.

Ideal for committed, confident and enthusiastic volunteers who would work well in a team environment. **(Ref: NY1510)**

Mystery Shopper
West Berkshire



Would you like to help improve the quality of health and social care services in West Berkshire? The local branch of a national consumer champion organisation is seeking volunteers to perform mystery shopping-style tasks, whereby you would visit or make contact with local services and report your findings.

The role would suit someone with good verbal, written and organisational skills. As a volunteer, you would be offered ongoing support and training opportunities. **(Ref: NY1634)**

Mystery Shopper (Youth)
West Berkshire



Are you aged between 15-21? Would you be interested in carrying out "mystery shopper" style tasks to find out how well local health services work with young people?

The local branch of a national organisation is looking for young volunteers who want to have their say on health services in West Berkshire. This role involves visiting or making contact with a local health service, rating it and reporting findings.

You will volunteer as part of team, so you will get a chance to meet new people as well as help shape local services. **(Ref: NY1672)**

N

Nature Memories Café Assistant
Thatcham



Could you help with the running of a café for people living with dementia and their loved ones? A new project is being trialled in Thatcham and volunteers are required to help with the serving of refreshments and facilitating nature based craft and memory activities.

The café is due to launch in January 2017, and will run on Monday mornings. If you have an empathy for older people, a friendly and welcoming personality, as well as an interest in wildlife, the project would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1806)**

Night Shelter Volunteer
Newbury



A project in Newbury is seeking volunteers who can help with the running of a night shelter, providing somewhere to sleep for the homeless during the winter months.

Volunteers are needed for three shifts - in the evening to distribute sandwiches, interact with service users and prepare beds (7.30 - 10.15pm), overnight to ensure everyone's safety (10:00pm - 6.15am) and in the morning to help provide tea and toast and clear the beds (6:00 - 8:30am). A volunteer driver is also needed in the evenings and mornings to transport bedding in the van.

Training will be given and the role would suit volunteers with a listening ear and a sense of humour. **(Ref: NY1886)**

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators
West Berkshire



Would you be interested in helping make your community safer? Get to know your neighbours and recreate the community spirit by starting a Neighbourhood Watch group in your area.

Schemes can cover 4-40 households, but you will be able to decide on a number you can easily pass information on to. As a co-ordinator, you will receive information on local crime and suspicious activity, which you can then make your neighbours of.

Help reduce crime rates by volunteering for this important role. **(Ref: NY142)**

O

Offender Mentors
West Berkshire



Do you have empathy, an interest in community safety and a firm set of personal boundaries? A charity with an excellent reputation for reducing re-offending is looking to recruit new volunteers locally for a challenging but rewarding role.

You will receive two days training covering methods of challenging offenders in their thinking and behaviour, and helping them to implement strategies to reduce reoffending. Once trained, you will either volunteer as part of a group, or act as a mentor.

Further information is available on request, including details of the type of offenders you will work with. **(Ref: NY1400)**

Offender Mentor
West Berkshire



Could you provide support and guidance to an offender, helping them move their life forward? A local project is recruiting volunteer mentors to work with offenders before, upon and after their release from prison. The role may also involve accompanying an individual to meetings or signposting them to other support services.

Volunteers will receive full training, as well as ongoing supervision and support. This role is suitable for non-judgemental and reliable volunteers who are able to work within strict boundaries. **(Ref: NY1721)**

Office Administrator
Thatcham



A mental charity based in Thatcham is seeking a volunteer to assist with admin tasks at its office. The tasks will change from week to week, but could include parcelling up orders for resources and taking them to the Post Office, photocopying, filing, scanning, typing up documents and keeping records up-to-date.

Basic computer skills and previous admin experience would be an advantage. 4-5 hours a week would be a great help, and the charity is flexible with which day of the week it is. **(Ref: NY1873)**

P

Parent Support Coordinator
Newbury



Are you a good communicator with an understanding of the needs of parents-to-be and new parents?

The local branch of a national charity is seeking a volunteer who can keep local parents informed about the support that it can offer. You will be the main point of contact for the branch's social groups and make contact with other local organisations to explore ways that the charity can support families in the community.

You will be supported by other volunteers who make up the branch team. Time commitment is two to four hours a week. **(Ref: NY1858)**

Parent Support Volunteers
West Berkshire



Parents play a key role in creating a secure childhood for their children before they go off to school. But sometimes they need help... your help.

Volunteers with parenting skills are required to undertake a six week accredited training course (five hours per week). On completion of the training, you will be matched to a family in West Berkshire with young children.

Through visiting, you will be able to offer one-to-one support, friendship and practical help. **(Ref: NY2)**

Pals Volunteers
West Berkshire



Would you like to volunteer as a friend/companion to children and young people with physical or sensory disabilities, as they take part in different activities?

A local disability charity runs activities such as youth clubs, sports and trips out across the West Berkshire area, and volunteers are needed to help with these. The charity's aim is to ensure that children and young people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else. Volunteers do not provide 'care', but rather become friends/companions. Ideal for fun and lively volunteers who enjoy games, sports and being with young people. **(Ref: NY1835)**

Peer Support Mentors
West Berkshire



Would you like to use your experience of mental health issues to support others? A charity that supports people with mental health conditions is seeking volunteer mentors who can support others on their recovery journey.

The role could involve one to one support sessions, facilitating social meet ups, providing support with delivering training and promoting services. Training will be given, and the time commitment is two to ten hours a week, with the service running primarily on weekdays. Team meetings take place in Reading. **(Ref: NY1767)**

Piano Player
Chieveley



Are you a competent piano player? Do you enjoy the company of children?

An organisation in Chieveley that works with young children is seeking a volunteer to visit to play the piano.

The volunteer could come in on any day that is convenient for them, Monday to Friday. The time commitment would be once a week during school term time. This is an ideal opportunity to share your talent and delight local youngsters. **(Ref: NY1749)**

Play or Youth Scheme Volunteer
Reading, Basingstoke



A well-established charity delivers inclusive play and leisure activities for children and young people in Berkshire and Hampshire. The scheme gives participants the chance to go on trips out and take part in activities such as sports and art. Volunteers are required to help with the sessions in Reading and Basingstoke, on Saturdays and during the school holidays.

The role involves being part of a team that helps supervise the children and young people attending, encouraging them to fully realise their abilities in a safe and happy environment. The role would suit friendly and enthusiastic volunteers who are respectful of others and their needs. **(Ref: NY1463)**

Play Volunteer
Hamstead Norreys



A baby and toddler group based north of Newbury has been running for eleven years and is looking for volunteers to join its team on Monday mornings.

The role involves setting up and tidying away the play equipment, chatting with parents and carers, keeping the play environment tidy and helping with snacktime.

The group has recently bought new equipment and at the sessions, the children have the opportunity to use several different "zones" related to different types of play. If you have a specific passion or interest that is relevant, the group would love this to become part of your role to enhance what they already offer. **(Ref: NY1813)**

Police Cadet Fundraising Volunteer
Newbury



A local project which helps young people in West Berkshire learn about the work of police is seeking a volunteer to help with fundraising.

The role will involve helping the cadet team raise funds to purchase equipment, contacting local sources of funding and businesses who could provide sponsorship.

The volunteer will need to have experience of funding and basic computer skills. Time commitment is flexible but would usually be one half day per week; evening attendance may sometimes be necessary. **(Ref: NY1826)**

Police Cadet Volunteer Leader
Newbury



This is an opportunity to be involved with a new and exciting project which will help young people in West Berkshire learn about the police. As a volunteer police cadet leader, you will work with others to prepare and lead weekly sessions, working through a programme of activities with the young people in the group. You will also liaise with the police to organise activities for the young people, helping the neighbourhood police team.

Full training and support will be provided. Volunteers will need to be available for at least two evenings per month plus extra time to help with events at weekends and in school holidays. **(Ref: NY1709)**

Practical and Emotional Support (Befriender)
West Berkshire



Could you help provide practical and emotional support to those in the Newbury area who have been affected by cancer? Befrienders are currently being recruited as part of a scheme organised by a leading cancer charity. As a volunteer, you would provide a listening ear and might offer practical support such as help with shopping or housework.

The role is designed to give those with cancer the chance to talk openly and be listened to by someone who is non-judgemental. Volunteers would ideally need to be able to commit to the role for twelve months, offering up to two hours a week, circumstances permitting. Training and support will be given. **(Ref: NY1823)**

Practical Conservation Volunteers

West Berkshire



Would you like to help create and maintain habitats for wildlife within West Berkshire? A local group organises a programme of practical conservation tasks, whereby volunteers can assist with activities such as coppicing, scrub clearing, hedge laying and pond clearing. The tasks take place on Tuesdays.

Enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved in hands-on work are all you need. All tools are provided, and training on using them will be given. **(Ref: NY1217)**

PR and Publicity Manager

Thatcham



A society in Thatcham that runs monthly classical, jazz and light music concerts in the town is seeking a volunteer PR and Publicity Manager.

The role involves developing a brand for the concerts, bringing them to the attention of the community through the local press, social media and advertising.

An interest in music would be useful, and a familiarity with computers, websites and social media is essential. Having an aptitude for design and marketing would also be helpful. **(Ref: NY1796)**

Prevention of Admission to Hospital Volunteer

Reading



A local scheme provides short-term support to older people who have attended the emergency departments at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, but do not require actual hospital admission. Prevention of Admission to Hospital Volunteers are based at the hospital's A&E Department. Here, they identify people who need support, which could be providing a listening ear or getting them a drink. The volunteer would then assist with the return home, for example checking the heating is on, checking food is in the fridge, and informing family/neighbours.

The service operates all week, between 13:45 and 20:00. Volunteers should enjoy working as a team and have good interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY1007)**

Project Worker

West Berkshire



If you have life skills, a sense of humour and a desire to help others, you could get involved with a Thatcham based charity that provides activities to adults with learning disabilities. Art, craft, music, cookery, computing, yoga and more take place at various community venues in West Berkshire, along with a swimming session in Bracknell.

Whether you want to engage in your passion and pass it on, encourage members in their life skills or simply help with clearing away and washing up, you will be an asset to the charity. Use of your own car is essential as activities take place in various locations. **(Ref: NY1470)**

Pump Out Person

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Trips take place between March and October.

Each of the boats have holding tanks that need to be pumped out and treated with chemicals each week, and volunteers are required on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn to do this task. Full training is given, and this role is suited to those who don't mind getting dirty and have a "hands-on" approach. **(Ref: NY1061)**

Puppy Walkers

West Berkshire



You could provide a puppy with a vital foundation for its future role as a guide dog for blind and partially sighted people. Following assessment of your suitability, a puppy will join you at about six weeks old to begin basic training and socialisation, and remain in your care until they are one year old.

This will require a lot of commitment, but your efforts will have a direct impact on someone's life. Expenses, training and support are provided. **(Ref: NY980)**

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Radio Presenters

Newbury



Are you a novice Nick Grimshaw? Do you have confident communication skills that could challenge Chris Evans? If you have personality, something to say and know what matters to local residents, then this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

Get involved with a community radio station that has a strong local focus and is run by volunteers. A diverse range of topics including current affairs, history, eating out and technology are covered, but all with a local relevance.

New ideas are welcomed – and you'll be shown what buttons to press, or another volunteer could press them for you! **(Ref: NY1316)**

Rangers

West Berkshire



If you have a little free on Mondays then you could work with others to support Britain's leading conservation charity. It owns, maintains, preserves and develops many woodland sites, including a nature reserve to the east of Woolton Hill, popular with walkers.

New people would be welcomed to join their hard working, good spirited volunteer team who meet at the reserve every Monday from 10am to assist with a variety of practical tasks. These vary according to the time of year but range from bracken bashing to footpath maintenance. **(Ref: NY792)**

Rhymetime/Storytime Volunteer

West Berkshire



Do you have the confidence to sing and talk to a group of children and their carers?

Local libraries organise rhyme and story sessions for their youngest members and volunteers are needed to deliver these. Volunteers would need to commit to a regular time slot, agreed between them and library. The role would suit enthusiastic, friendly and energetic volunteers. **(Ref: NY1848)**

Refuge Worker

Newbury



A local service which supports those who have experienced domestic abuse runs a volunteer programme which is rewarding and gives you the chance to make a real difference to people's lives.

Volunteers are needed to work with women and children in a refuge setting. You will provide them with information and support, help them register with local services and carry out risk assessments.

A commitment of at least half a day a week is required, and volunteers should ideally be able to commit for at least a year due to the extensive training involved. Volunteers should have good communication skills and an understanding of confidentiality and safeguarding. **(Ref: NY1694)**

Respect Officer

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its respect officer?

You will need to be a diplomat, appreciate the role of football and sportsmanship, have an understanding of the value of the Respect Agenda and be able to promote good behaviour. You need to be aged 21+ for this role. **(Ref: NY1081)**

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Research Volunteer
West Berkshire



Would you like to help improve the quality of health and social care services in West Berkshire? The local branch of a national consumer champion organisation is seeking volunteers to develop and deliver research projects from feedback gathered from the public.

The role involves gathering feedback through phone calls and desk-based research, designing surveys and questionnaires, analysing results and writing reports with recommendations on how services might be improved. Ideal for someone with good verbal, written and research skills. **(Ref: NY1633)**

Retail Assistant
Hungerford



A busy Hungerford charity shop needs an enthusiastic volunteer to help sort, select and sell. You'll gain experience in a retail environment as well as help generate funds to help animals in need. Tasks include customer enquiries, till work and restocking the shop floor.

Time commitment is flexible to suit you, and comprehensive training and support is available to volunteers. If you are friendly, with excellent people skills, the shop would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1788)**

Room Guide
Basildon



A local National Trust property is looking for volunteer room guides, who could share their enthusiasm for the property with visitors. You would play a key role in making visits inspiring and engaging experiences, and answer enquiries about the property and the work of the National Trust. Room guides also help ensure the health and safety of visitors, and safeguard the property and its collections.

The role requires a commitment of at least one session a fortnight, and would be suited to volunteers with good communication and listening skills. **(Ref: NY773)**

Rota Secretary
Newbury



The Newbury branch of a national helpline which provides emotional support is looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to help with planning shift rotas for the service.

Ideal for someone with good organisational and planning skills, this is a home-based role and so access to a computer and the Internet is essential. This is an opportunity to be part of friendly team which helps ensure an important service is provided, and you will be supported by other experienced rota secretaries. **(Ref: NY1370)**

Round Tablers
West Berkshire



If you are enthusiastic and community minded, then consider joining a local group which seeks to have fun whilst supporting good causes.

In West Berkshire, the organisation runs the annual Crafty Craft Race, Children in Need collection, Christmas collection and other initiatives. The group is made up of young (18-45) people, mainly men, with a ladies circle. **(Ref: NY786)**

Rural Crime Volunteer
West Berkshire



Could you help advise local rural businesses on crime prevention and security? This volunteering role involves making visits to farms and other rural businesses, and also office based admin tasks and some telephone work. There could also be the opportunity to provide guidance at local events.

Knowledge of databases and spreadsheets would be useful, and you would be willing to travel across West Berkshire.

The role would be suited to a volunteer who enjoys being part of a team, is flexible and has good communication skills. Time commitment is one half day a week. **(Ref: NY1814)**

School Governor Newbury



A primary school serving central and north Newbury is looking for governors to join its small, friendly leadership team and help in taking the school to an Ofsted rating of outstanding.

Governors spend their time talking to colleagues and other stakeholders and attending formal meetings to take decisions and actions. New governors will be given support and training, and can then take responsibility for a particular area, such as finance, school performance data or safeguarding. The role would be suited to volunteers with good team working skills and an ability to adopt a 'critical friend' attitude. **(Ref: NY1750)**

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School Governor Speen



A primary and nursery school situated in the north of Newbury is seeking a volunteer to join its board of governors. The board is responsible for the school's strategic management, with core responsibilities including monitoring and evaluating the school's progress, budget allocation, developing and implementing improvement plans and appointing senior staff members.

Governor meetings are held in the evenings nine times a year. The role would suit an enthusiastic and inquiring volunteer with an interest in education. The school would be particularly interested in hearing from someone who can develop the board's skills and knowledge connected to safeguarding. **(Ref: NY1861)**

School Governors West Berkshire



Governors are ordinary people with an interest in the education of children and young people. Governors are required for schools across West Berkshire.

As a governor, you would work alongside a headteacher and other governors in setting the strategic direction of a school. The skills and experiences required vary from school to school; you may have experience in data analysis, human resources or finance, or simply have an interest in schooling. **(Ref: NY974)**

School Pastor Burghfield



A West Berkshire church initiative is recruiting volunteer pastors to support students at a Burghfield school during the lunch break.

School pastors are committed Christians who support young people on an informal one-to-one basis, listening to their stories with compassion. They patrol common areas of the school giving help and pray for students and staff. You will be seen as a friend from the local Christian community, providing a reassuring presence in the school. The time commitment is one lunchtime a fortnight (Tuesday or Wednesday) for the three terms of the school year and ongoing training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1772)**

Scout Leader at Greenham Scout Group Greenham



Have you got a passion for adventure? Want to inspire young people? Leaders are needed for a Scout Troop based in Greenham which meets on Monday evenings. As a leader, you would help plan and deliver safe and stimulating activities for the Scouts.

One week you may be rock climbing, the next doing a community service project, the week after taking the young people on a hike. No two weeks will be the same. Ongoing training is provided. There are no specific skills required – just enthusiasm, teamwork and a sense of fun! **(Ref: NY1338)**

Scout Volunteer

Thattham



Want to join an exciting team providing fun and adventure to girls and boys aged 10 - 14? A Scout group in Thattham is looking for an enthusiastic addition to its experienced and evolving leadership team. Volunteers will be offered support through an induction period and ongoing training.

Ideal for volunteers who enjoy being part of a team and are looking to have fun with a new opportunity! **(Ref: NY1341)**

Scout Volunteers

Purley, Pangbourne



Your help is needed to create fun, challenge and adventure for young people in Purley and Pangbourne. Volunteers are needed to help with the running of beaver, cub, scout and explorer groups. Activities will include cooking, games, experiments and even camping and no two weeks will be the same.

Your role will be to support and encourage the young people to take part in the activities and try their best. Training and support will be provided, and you can volunteer for the weekly session that is most convenient for you. **(Ref: NY1755)**

Script Writers

West Berkshire



Do you have a flair for writing? A local charity is looking for a volunteers to help them write their tactile and audio descriptions for books that they produce for blind people.

This is an ad hoc role, with help being required as and when new books are published. You would need to be able to write clear and accurate scripts, ranging from four to twelve pages long. The length would vary depending on the book length and the detail in the images needing to be described. The role would be carried out from home, with help available by e-mail or phone. **(Ref: NY1766)**

Secretary

West Berkshire



A local organisation which aims to raise awareness of neurological conditions and improve quality of life for those affected by them is seeking a volunteer secretary. The role involves preparing agendas and taking records of meetings, dealing with correspondence and contributing to the direction and management of the organisation. Meetings are typically held monthly, with a small number of other events held each year.

This volunteer opportunity would be suited to someone with good communication and organisational skills, and an interest in neurological conditions. **(Ref: NY1216)**

Shop Assistants

Hampstead Norreys



Community shops provide a vital service to rural neighbourhoods, as well as selling essential goods.

If you are young or not so young, local or live further afield, a village to the North of Newbury would welcome your help in their popular shop. You could get involved with serving customers, checking stock and helping in the café area. Meet new people, give to the community and pick up new skills. **(Ref: NY1535)**

Shopmobility Volunteer

Newbury



Newbury Shopmobility has been operating since 1995 and has helped thousands of people with limited mobility go about their business with complete independence. This vital service, run by Volunteer Centre West Berkshire, loans mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

A volunteer is required to help out on Tuesday or Saturday between 9.30am and 4pm, although these hours are flexible. The role involves meeting and greeting people, having chats and advising visitors to Newbury about the scheme. You will be trained to give instructions on using the equipment. Ideal for a volunteer with a "hands on" approach and a welcoming personality. **(Ref: NY698)**

Short-Term Puppy Socialising

West Berkshire



Could you look after a puppy for up to four weeks at a time whilst they are training to be an assistance dog?

Volunteers are being recruited in West Berkshire to provide temporary homes for puppies, whilst providing basic obedience training, socialisation and exercise. Volunteers will also attend pre-scheduled puppy classes.

Volunteers should have large blocks of availability all year round (1 to 4 weeks) and will need to be at home for the majority of the day. Volunteers will need to be car drivers. You will receive support from a local trainer and expenses will be paid. **(Ref: NY1884)**

Social Secretary

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its social secretary?

The social secretary will arrange social events and activities that promote the club's aims and keep parents involved. Ideal for a well-organised and persistent person aged 21+ who loves football and could work well with the club's committee. **(Ref: NY1084)**

Speaker

West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Could you use your public speaking and presentation skills to speak on behalf of the charity to potential supporters? This could involve giving a ten minute presentation to a club or group, or having a chat with key people at a networking event. You may also attend presentations to collect cheques on behalf of the charity. This role would suit a good communicator who is confident in giving talks and networking. Training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY1589)**

Speaker

West Berkshire



Are you confident speaking in front of both adults and children? Could you educate people about Parkinson's and the work of a leading charity dedicated to fighting the condition?

This role involves researching local groups, developing relationships and booking talks. The talks are designed to educate people about the condition and inspire groups to help raise funds.

Time commitment is roughly 2-3 hours per week with a presentation around every 6 weeks. **(Ref: NY1810)**

Sport & Activity Volunteers

West Berkshire



One in four of us will be affected by a mental health problem this year. A local independent charity is passionate about making physical activities, such as football, table tennis, badminton, tennis, walking and cricket, accessible to anyone experiencing problems.

They do this by running sport activities to aid recovery, whilst raising awareness, challenging misconceptions and encouraging social inclusion at the same time. Good communicators with an active and pleasant nature are needed to help with the one-hour sessions. **(Ref: NY1303)**

Steering Group Members

West Berkshire



One of the UK's largest voluntary sector providers of adult education is recruiting a team of steering group volunteers in West Berkshire.

Some of the steering group roles will require specific skills such as marketing or finance, but members can also provide support in areas such as administration, programme development and IT support. All the roles are suitable for those living in West Berkshire who have an interest in adult education, especially cultural studies. **(Ref: NY1437)**

Steward

Newbury



A local arts centre, which shows some of the best music, comedy, art and family entertainment on tour in the UK, requires volunteer stewards.

As a steward, you would show people to their seats, sell ice creams, escort people to safety in the event of an emergency and... watch the performances! Ideal for a numerate volunteer with good common sense and an interest in entertainment. **(Ref: NY802)**

Street and Store Collector

West Berkshire



In the UK, 70,000 disabled children lack the equipment and opportunities to reach their true potential. A national charity seeks to transform their lives by providing them with the right mobility equipment and skills.

Volunteers are being recruited in West Berkshire to do bucket collections in shops, high streets and at events. This opportunity provides a way to meet new people and help raise money for children with disabilities. Volunteers will be given relevant training and supported by the charity's Regional Fundraising Manager. **(Ref: NY1588)**

Substance Misuse Worker

West Berkshire



Would you like to gain experience in helping people having difficulties with drug and alcohol misuse? The local branch of a national charity is recruiting volunteers to assist with maintaining records and communicating with users of the service to advise them of appointments. With appropriate training, volunteers can help with the running of support groups alongside experienced staff and provide service users with advice and guidance.

Hours are flexible to suit your needs, however a half day or day a week would be ideal. The role would be suited to non-judgemental volunteers who enjoy being part of a team. **(Ref: NY1831)**

Support Advocate

West Berkshire



If you have good communication skills and interest in empowering vulnerable and disadvantaged people, you could volunteer for an advocacy charity in West Berkshire.

The role involves working alongside the organisation's advocates to help ensure that a person's wishes are heard. You will visit local support groups to help promote the service, find out information on behalf of clients and shadow advocates until you are confident enough to work directly with clients, under supervision.

Volunteers need to be able to commit to one to two half days a week. **(Ref: NY1764)**

Supported Volunteering for People with Mental Health Conditions

West Berkshire



Volunteering is known to be beneficial to people with mental health conditions. But many face obstacles before they can experience the rewards of volunteering.

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire's VCme project aims to reduce these barriers by ensuring that volunteering starts in a welcoming and supportive environment.

You will be matched to a volunteer mentor who will support you during your first steps in to volunteering, helping you to develop the confidence to volunteer independently.

Interested? Call 016356 49004 or e-mail ybase@vcwb.org.uk **(Ref: NY1554)**

Support Volunteers/Drivers

West Berkshire



Would you like to support the local community by helping visually impaired people get out more and do activities they enjoy?

A local group is looking for volunteers, regular and ad hoc, to drive local people who are blind or partially sighted to these activities and provide support. Activities include quiz and curry nights and take place in Thatcham and Reading. Mileage will be reimbursed.

Knowledge of visual impairment is useful but not essential as full training will be given. You need to be 21 or over to undertake this role. **(Ref: NY1624)**

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Team Berkshire Volunteers

West Berkshire



A local organisation which promotes the benefits of sports and physical activity is seeking volunteers to help with a variety of events happening throughout the year. These vary from long-term positions, such as sitting on a sports club committee, to one-day events such as district sports school competitions and half marathons.

The organisation is looking for enthusiastic, friendly and motivating volunteers who have a range of skills such as communication, leadership and organisation. Volunteers get access to free training opportunities. **(Ref: NY1346)**

Team member to assist at monthly Sunday concerts

Aldermaston



Do you appreciate music of all kinds and have just one Sunday afternoon free per month?

A local concert venue is looking for volunteers to assist with its events. Duties will be varied and include making sure the stage is prepared, the lighting is correct, showing audience members to their seats and cash handling.

Events usually take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Ideal for well organised volunteers who can work as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1171)**

Team Leaders

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers, and is seeking volunteer team leaders. Trips take place between March and October.

The team leader is the main source of contact with the boat hirers at the start and end of their holiday, and liaises with other volunteers to ensure that the boat is ready for each new group. The "turnarounds" take place in Great Bedwyn on Friday and Saturday mornings. Ideal for people with good communication and organisational skills. **(Ref: NY1060)**

Tearoom Assistant

Basildon



A local National Trust property is looking for volunteer tearoom assistants, to help make their catering outlet a clean and friendly place for visitors.

Volunteers will talk to visitors whilst they are being served, clear trays and tables, help with washing up and ensure there is sufficient cutlery and crockery. Enthusiastic and friendly volunteers are required in the afternoons between 12:00 and 3:00. **(Ref: NY1804)**

Technology and Digital Skills Support

West Berkshire



Are you passionate about technology? Do you believe it should be accessible to all? A national charity is recruiting volunteers locally to help people with sight loss set up, troubleshoot and use technology in their homes.

The role involves helping set up computers, smartphones, TVs and talking book machines, resolving IT problems and helping people get online. This would be suited to friendly people with an interest in technology and the ability to travel to people's homes across West Berkshire. **(Ref: NY1395)**

Telephone Befriender

West Berkshire



Social isolation affects a person's wellbeing – but a friendly chat on the phone could make all the difference. Good communicators are needed to call people in Berkshire who were employed in the licensed trade. These people have previously worked at the heart of the communication and may have become socially isolated for a number of reasons.

This is a flexible role which can be undertaken either from home or from the charity's offices in Ascot. **(Ref: NY1433)**

Telephone Friend

West Berkshire



In the UK, more than 1 million people aged over 65 say they often or always feel lonely. A national helpline aims to reduce loneliness by giving older people a friendship call from a trained volunteer once a week.

The helpline is looking to recruit new telephone befrienders, who enjoy conversation with older people and have an ability to listen. Volunteers will need to have access to a telephone and the internet, and calls can be made any day of the week, between 8am and 8pm. The helpline pays for the cost of the calls. **(Ref: NY1785)**

Three Es to Wellbeing Workshop Facilitator

West Berkshire



Could you help disadvantaged and vulnerable women, including offenders, gain a better understanding of their emotional health and wellbeing? A training course called "3Es to Wellbeing" (Encourage, Educate, and Empower) is being run in West Berkshire and volunteers are needed to support in its delivery.

The role involves mentoring and supporting course participants to ensure progress and helping to equip them with practical methods of coping with negative life experiences. You will also ensure that records are kept of clients attending and their progress.

The time commitment is a maximum of three hours a week over a period of five weeks. Volunteers should have good communication skills and a friendly, non-judgemental approach. **(Ref: NY1768)**

Thursday and Friday Processor

Thatcham



A West Berkshire charity, which was established over forty years ago, provides local news on tape to blind and partially sighted people. Many listeners find this is the only way to keep up-to-date with what is happening in their community.

The charity is seeking a volunteer with two hours to spare on a Thursday or Friday morning to help out at their base in Thatcham. The role involves emptying the cassette wallets, marking them off against a register and cleaning the tapes electronically. **(Ref: NY157)**

Till Operator

Pangbourne



One of the country's leading charity shop outlets has a branch in Pangbourne. The shop is looking for an enthusiastic till operator with good customer skills who enjoys interacting with the public.

Full training on the till will be provided. This role could provide valuable experience to someone considering retail work as a career or could suit someone who is retired and wishes to help the community. You can help play a part in reducing poverty and injustice by volunteering for the charity. **(Ref: NY1331)**

Touch to See Book Club Leader

Thatcham



Could you help bring together a group of blind and partially sighted people together to share and enjoy a range of specially designed books?

A local charity that creates such books is looking for a volunteer to lead a book club in Thatcham. The club enables members to make new friends, inspires them to take on new hobbies, and helps reduce exclusion.

This opportunity can give you the satisfaction of making a real difference to people's lives, and would be suited to an enthusiastic volunteer with good listening and organisational skills. You would receive full support and training. The time commitment is approximately four hours a month. **(Ref: NY1629)**

Tournament Organiser

Cold Ash



A local club provides a safe environment for children, both boys and girls, to play football. The club runs various tournaments and has a membership of around 120. Could you help the club continue to grow and develop by becoming its tournament organiser?

The tournament organiser will take the lead on the annual tournament which raises the club's profile. Ideal for a well-organised person aged 21+ who loves football and could be a great event project manager. **(Ref: NY1083)**

Treasurer

Newbury



The trustees of a local counselling service require a volunteer to take on the role of treasurer. Although it is not necessary to be a fully qualified accountant, you should have experience of processing financial accounts. An ability to use a financial package is essential; experience of Sage would be beneficial.

This is a home-based role, and the volunteer should have access to a computer and e-mail. **(Ref: NY1630)**

Treasurer

Newbury



Are you a qualified accountant with experience of fundraising within voluntary organisations? A local charity which provides a counselling service for young people is looking to recruit a volunteer treasurer to oversee and monitor its finances and produce its financial reports. You will also have a responsibility for reporting on the charity's financial position at trustee meetings.

This role is suited to a proactive individual who is also willing to get involved more broadly with the charity alongside being treasurer. The time commitment is around four hours a week. **(Ref: NY1742)**

Treasurer

West Berkshire



A West Berkshire organisation that redistributes baby clothes, toiletries, equipment and toys to families in need is seeking a committee treasurer.

The role involves being an active member on the committee, keeping accounting records, preparing annual report and returns, attending committee meetings and providing assistance in other committee matters. Time commitment is expected to be 5-10 hours a week. **(Ref: NY1896)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



A local charity which oversees youth club and youth projects in Berkshire is looking to fill vacancies in its board of trustees.

As a trustee, you will play a part in making sure the charity is well-managed and meets its objectives, in turn transforming young lives through positive leisure activities.

Trustees come from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds. The organisation is interested in hearing from people with expertise in fundraising, PR, law and health and safety. Most board meetings are held in central Reading, however projects all over Berkshire. **(Ref: NY1718)**

Trustee
Newbury



A Newbury charity supports people of all abilities and disabilities to achieve and have fun through activities such as drama, dance, music, film and living skills training.

The charity is looking for a trustee who can help them fulfil their mission and objectives, and ensure the organisation works within its resources. You would also play a part in promoting the charity within the community.

The charity is particularly keen in hearing from people with knowledge of areas such as HR, law, administration, funding and promotion. **(Ref: NY1736)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



A West Berkshire charity that supports parents of young children is looking for new trustees.

As a volunteer trustee, you would help provide leadership and direction for the scheme, helping ensure it performs effectively and complies with regulatory requirements.

The role would suit individuals with good, independent judgement and an ability to think creatively, as well as an understanding of the legal duties of trusteeship.

Time commitment is 10 hours per month to include the Management Meetings which are held every 6 weeks on a Wednesday evening. **(Ref: NY1895)**

Trustees
West Berkshire



Volunteer Centre West Berkshire has been around since 1974, and provides free impartial information on volunteering opportunities available locally, alongside services such as Village Agents, a befriending project and voluntary sector support.

We are seeking to strengthen our team with the addition of trustees with backgrounds in HR and the voluntary sector. Trustees meet every ten weeks on weekday afternoons (usually a Friday). Trustees will offer guidance and expertise and become involved in other projects on an ad hoc basis. If you are a good team player, with expertise in the community, we would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1449)**

Trustees and Trustee Treasurer
West Berkshire



A local charity, which works in partnership with the ambulance service to provide lifesaving assistance following a 999 call, is looking to recruit new trustees and a trustee treasurer.

By being on the board of the charity, you can help drive its strategic vision forward. Knowledge of charity work, fundraising, finance, strategic planning or administration would be especially welcomed. The treasurer would need a relevant finance background, ideally within a charitable setting. **(Ref: NY1514)**

Trustee and Chair of Trustees
West Berkshire



A Newbury-based organisation, which supports people with mental health conditions is looking for two new trustees.

They are particularly seeking, but not exclusively, a trustee with skills in HR and legal issues. They are also looking for a Chair of Trustees, with experience of project management.

The organisation is keen to hear from volunteers who relish the chance to support a model that empowers mental health service users, allowing them to develop and take charge of their own recovery. Trustee meetings are held monthly. **(Ref: NY1851)**

Trustee to oversee fundraising

Newbury



Do you have experience of fundraising or sales, and of writing successful grant/tender applications? Are you a good networker? A local charity which provides a counselling service for young people is looking to recruit a trustee to lead its fundraising.

The role will involve developing and implementing a fundraising strategy, overseeing major fundraising streams and developing new income streams. The time commitment is expected to be around four hours a week. **(Ref: NY1743)**

Trustee with Aquatics-Leisure Experience

West Berkshire



Do you have experience of pool design, construction and operation, or experience in managing projects relating to leisure-aquatics facilities? A West Berkshire organisation, which runs a successful gym for people with disabilities, is planning to add hydrotherapy to its service. As such, they are looking for someone with experience of this area to join their team of trustees to provide guidance. The role will involve agreeing specifications for design and construction, and ensuring that legal and best practice guidelines are followed.

The project is expected to build from an initial involvement of 2-3 hours a week, rising during the key stages of design and implementation. **(Ref: NY1834)**

Trustee with SEND experience

Padworth



Do you have an understanding of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and Education? An independent school in Padworth is seeking to recruit someone with knowledge of this area to its board of trustees.

The school has recently launched a new strategic plan for the next five years; as a trustee, you will have a responsibility for governance of the school and supporting them in implementing the plan. You will need to be able to attend monthly board meetings, usually held at the school in the evenings, plus other meetings with staff around six times a year. **(Ref: NY1727)**

Tuesday Office Volunteer

Newbury



This is a rare opportunity to be part of Volunteer Centre West Berkshire's happy car scheme office team on a Tuesday morning. The role handling requests for transport from people with mobility problems. The ideal person will be friendly, confident, well organised, PC literate and have an empathy for people with transport needs.

The hours are 10am to 1pm on Tuesdays, although cover may occasionally be needed on other days This rewarding role will allow you to make a worthwhile contribution to our charity's work in Newbury. **(Ref: NY1375)**

U**Umpiring Development Manager**

Thatcham



A local hockey club is looking for a volunteer to lead the planning and development of its umpiring strategy. The role will involve arranging members to attend umpiring training, and ensuring that they see the course through to qualification.

Good organisation and planning are essential to make sure all opportunities to get people qualified are taken. **(Ref: NY1627)**

V**VCme Supported Volunteering Mentor**

West Berkshire



Would you like to act as a mentor to someone with a mental health condition who needs a little support to help them make progress with their interest in volunteering?

Volunteering is known to be beneficial to people with mental health conditions. But many still face obstacles before they can experience the rewards of volunteering.

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire's VCme project aims to reduce these barriers by ensuring their volunteering starts in a welcoming and supportive environment. Mental Health First Aid training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1554)**

Venue Volunteers

Newbury



A Newbury-based arts and community centre is seeking volunteers to help at the venue. They are looking for enthusiastic, fun loving volunteers who are interested in the arts and enjoy community participation.

Assistance is needed with tasks such as event stewarding, bar staffing, function support and front of house help. **(Ref: NY947)**

Victim Support Volunteers

West Berkshire



Do you have an interest in helping victims of crime move on with their lives? If so, volunteers are being recruited to support victims in West Berkshire. You will offer victims of all kinds of crimes emotional support, information and practical help.

Volunteers should have good listening and communication skills, and an ability to empathise. Time commitment is a minimum of three hours per week, for at least a year. Full training and support will be provided, and volunteers will be required to travel locally to meet clients. **(Ref: NY1159)**

Village Agents

West Berkshire



Would you like to share knowledge and information with vulnerable people in your community, enabling them to remain independent in their own homes?

Volunteers are trained to provide good quality information and guidance about community services in parishes across West Berkshire.

Ideal for good communicators who can manage their own time and enjoy working independently. Village Agents are being recruited in Aldermaston, Aldworth, Ashampstead, Basildon, Beech Hill, Beedon, Beenham, Boxford, Bradfield, Brightwalton, Brimpton, Bucklebury, Burghfield, Catmore, Chaddleworth, Chieveley, Cold Ash, Combe, Compton, East Garston, East Ilsley, Enborne, Englefield, Farnborough, Fawley, Frilsham, Great Shefford, Greenham, Hampstead Norreys, Hamstead Marshall, Hermitage, Holybrook, Hungerford, Inkpen, Kintbury, Lambourn, Leckhampstead, Midgham, Newbury, Padworth, Pangbourne, Peasemore, Purley on Thames, Shaw-Cum-Donnington, Speen, Stanford Dingley, Steatley, Stratfield Mortimer, Sulhamstead, Theale, Sulham, Tidmarsh, Tilehurst, Ufton Nervet, Wasing, Welford, West Ilsley, West Woodhay, Winterbourne, Wokefield, Woolhampton and Yattendon.

Get in touch with Gill Comley on 01634 49004 to find out more and discover if volunteers are needed to make a difference in your parish. **(Ref: Village)**

Village Agents

North Hampshire



Village Agents are being recruited in North Hampshire to bridge the information gap between rural village communities and the voluntary and statutory organisations that can offer support to local older people.

Activities will include signposting and linking older people in your village to the services and information they need by liaising with existing community services and facilities.

The role will require a commitment of around 4-6 hours a week. Volunteers will need to be computer literate and be car owners/drivers. **(Ref: NY1085)**

Visitor Reception Volunteers

West Berkshire



Do you know that the only National Trust property dedicated to the First World War is just a few miles out of Newbury? You will be the welcoming face of the property, ensuring that every visitor is special and unique and you will make that visitor's experience feel personal and valued.

You will have the chance to talk to many diverse and fascinating people, many of whom have stories to share. No previous experience on art or history is required as full training will be given, but you must have a welcoming nature and willingness to muck in. **(Ref: NY424)**

Volunteer to tow mobile classrooms

West Berkshire



A charity has a mobile classroom which visits local schools to educate pupils on healthy living. The charity is seeking a volunteer who could tow the classroom from one school to the next at the end of the school day (between 3:30 and 5:00pm).

You will need to have your own vehicle that is capable of towing the classroom; this generally requires a Land Rover Discovery or equivalent. Volunteers should have experience of towing and setting up long vehicles/caravans/trailers, their own liability insurance for towing, as well as good communication skills. **(Ref: NY1829)**

Volunteer with your colleagues

West Berkshire

Team Challenges are a great way of bringing together a team of employees together to work on a practical one day activity to benefit a local voluntary organisation. Lasting one day, these events are ideal team building days, enabling employees to develop a range of skills – whilst having fun too!

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire has the knowledge and experience to work with you to discover the best challenge for your team. **(Ref: NY714)**

W**Walk Leaders**

West Berkshire



Improve your health and wellbeing whilst sharing some of West Berkshire's beautiful country and town locations with others. There is a timetable of walks that take place across the district and of varying length and pace.

As a volunteer walk leader, you could get involved in scheduled walks, or perhaps plan your own. By giving just a little time, you could help yourself and others get active and healthy. **(Ref: NY1451)**

Water for Wildlife Volunteers

West Berkshire



A national charity is keen to find volunteer, community, youth or work groups who can help them find the best and most unpolluted freshwater habitats in the local area. The charity will issue your group with water testing kits, which can be used in local ponds, streams and rivers to check for levels of pollutants that pose a risk to wildlife. No previous surveying experience is necessary, and your group will be provided with full details of how to use the kits.

Your group can give as much time as it likes to the project. You can use the kits at as many sites as you want to – on countryside walks or even in your garden pond! **(Ref: NY1686)**

Weekly Wednesday Roving Team Members

West Berkshire



This is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, whilst getting involved with a project that runs practical tasks to reconnect broken links in the West Berkshire landscape – such as creating wildlife corridors.

The project runs a variety of group conservation activities every Wednesday, on sites such as Greenham Common, Thatcham Reedbeds and Bowdown Woods. There is a mixture of practical habitat management work, something to suit everyone. Enthusiasm is all you need; you will be shown how to do tasks and use tools safely. **(Ref: NY42)**

Wheelchair Basketball Volunteers

Thatcham



A local club provides one of the few opportunities in Berkshire for youngsters with disabilities to participate in wheelchair basketball. The successful club is run completely by volunteers, and the founding chairperson is keen to take the club forward by recruiting new trustees.

Volunteers with a range of skills are needed to join the committee or get involved in a "hands on" capacity, such as assisting with coaching. **(Ref: NY563)**

**Women's Project
Volunteer Mentor**
West Berkshire



Could you help female offenders change their lives for the better? A national charity which works with women in prison and the community is seeking volunteer mentors in the West Berkshire area. Some of the duties are:

Supporting and accompanying the women to appointments, meetings and group work sessions
Conducting weekly drop-ins
Meeting with offenders in custody before and on the day of release
Being and advocate and acting as a conduit on behalf of the women

This opportunity is suitable for approachable and non-judgemental volunteers, both male and female. **(Ref: NY1714)**

**Workshop Support
Volunteer**
Newbury



A local dementia charity is seeking volunteers to help at its workshops. The workshops provide an opportunity for people with a diagnosis of dementia to take part in activities such as art, gardening and cooking.

The main part of this role involves helping people attending the sessions, encouraging and supporting them to get the most out of the activities. You would also get involved in setting up activities and clearing away at the end of the session.

The workshops take place on Thursdays from 11.00 for three hours. The role would be suited to good communicators with a sense of empathy. **(Ref: NY1815)**

**Work Support
Volunteer**
Newbury



A disability charity runs a programme in Newbury on weekdays whereby adults with learning disabilities experience a real working environment. Volunteers are required to join their team and support the users of the service whilst they undertake tasks such as counting and collating mailshots.

This is an opportunity to experience the rewards of helping adults with learning disabilities, developing their skills and independence and increasing their self-esteem. Ideal for patient volunteers with a calm and approachable manner. **(Ref: NY574)**

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**Young Carers
Volunteer**
West Berkshire



A West Berkshire scheme provides support to young carers, and volunteers are being recruited to assist in a variety of ways.

You might wish to become involved in mentoring, forming a one-to-one relationship with a young person who has caring responsibilities. There is the opportunity to become involved with organising and helping at outings and events, giving young people the chance to access social activities they might otherwise lose out on. Volunteer drivers are needed to take young people to and from group support sessions. Finally, you could lend a hand to helping with admin.

The support groups run on Monday evenings. **(Ref: NY1887)**

**Young Person's
Mentor**
West Berkshire



Have an impact on young people's lives and unlock their potential by using your skills and creativity. An organisation that works with young people aged 13 – 19 recruits mentors to help young people move from being unemployed to entering either work, education or training.

Volunteers with some spare time, as well as an interest in working with in working with young people, are needed to offer inspiration and encouragement.

You'll gain a sense of personal achievement, and understand more about the issues young people face, as well as having the chance to develop your own skills. **(Ref: NY1128)**

Youth Club Volunteer
Thatcham



If you are enthusiastic about working with young people, you could be an ideal volunteer for a Thatcham-based Youth Club. The club provides a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment for young people aged 8-12. Volunteers are needed to help staff run a programme of activities, including arts and crafts, outdoor sports and cooking.

No formal qualifications are required, just an ability to engage with and encourage young people. The club meets on Friday evenings. **(Ref: NY1555)**

Youth Club Volunteer
Thatcham



Do you want to make a difference to the lives of young people in Thatcham? A Youth Club is seeking volunteers for its sessions on Monday evenings. They are keen to hear from volunteers who could help with sports activities such as basketball or football, or who have interest they could share such as arts and crafts or music. It may be, however, that you want to help out generally – there is always plenty going on that you could be involved with!

No formal qualifications are required, and training/development opportunities are available. **(Ref: NY1842)**

**Youth Offender
Volunteers**
West Berkshire



Do you want to make a genuine difference to the lives of young people in West Berkshire? Volunteers are being recruited for two roles working alongside young offenders.

You could supervise a young person carrying out reparation activities in the local community. Alternatively, you could become a volunteer Referral Order Panel member. The panel meets with the young person, parent/carer and sometimes the victim of the crime, as a way of tackling the causes of offending.

Volunteers need to be willing to undergo training and should have access to their own transport. A calm and non-judgemental approach is a must. **(Ref: NY183)**

**Youth Theatre
Volunteer**
Newbury



A local arts organisation runs youth theatre sessions, allowing young people the opportunity to explore characters and stories through a variety of exercises, games and full-scale productions. Could you help with the running of the sessions?

The role involves ensuring the groups understand tasks, giving ideas, helping everyone to contribute and assisting in performances.

Groups run all day on Saturdays, however volunteers are not required to do the whole day unless they want to. Volunteers are also required on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The role would suit someone with a passion for arts and working with young people. **(Ref: NY1862)**
