

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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Activities Organiser

Newbury



Would you like to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by MS? The local branch of an MS charity is looking for an organiser who will play a crucial role in developing and planning activities and events for the group.

In this role, you will contribute to the group's annual activity plan and lead on the organisation of events from conception to completion. Time commitment is expected to be 1-2 hours a week planning and 2-3 hours a month attending the social meeting organised. There are also monthly team meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. The ideal volunteer will be confident in using Microsoft Office and the Internet and be able to apply the organisation's risk management system and equality practices. **(Ref: NY2096)**

Activities Volunteer

Newbury



Would you like to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by MS? The local branch of an MS charity is looking for a volunteer who can help deliver fun, well-organised activities, supporting everyone who takes part.

In this role, you will assist with setting up activities, make and serve refreshments, support people to access the event and support with running it (registering attendees and collecting payments).

Time commitment is expected to be 1-2 hours a week planning and 2-3 hours a month attending the social meeting organised. There are also monthly team meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. The ideal volunteer will have a friendly personality and an ability to pass on their skills – a sense of humour would be a bonus. **(Ref: NY2117)**

Activities Volunteer/Befriender

Newbury



Are you looking to volunteer some of your time and skills to help others in need? Befrienders are being recruited by an organisation that provides accommodation and services to people who are homeless.

Volunteers will work with clients on activities that the client has chosen. These may be recreational (football, boxing, swimming, yoga, cookery and walking for example) or designed to enable them to get paid employment (for example numeracy and literacy).

Time commitment is flexible depending on you and the activity. The role would suit volunteers with good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team. **(Ref: NY2101)**

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 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 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 Support Worker

Newbury, Thatcham



A local charity offers support to families affected by autism and associated learning difficulties. You can help families gain social skills and confidence by volunteering at their sessions.

The charity run a monthly teen club one Monday a month in the afternoon/early evening. There is weekly family drop-in on Tuesday afternoons during term time, at which volunteers help families to socialise. There is also a monthly soft play session early evening on a Wednesday, where volunteers help the children interact and have fun. An art and craft session takes place on a Friday after school once a month, and help is needed to set up, supervise and clear away activities.

The role would suit friendly and empathic volunteers with a good sense of humour. **(Ref: NY2089)**

Activity Volunteer

Newbury



Do you have an interest or talent that you could share with older people living with dementia?

A Newbury care home is keen to hear from volunteers who could carry out activities with their clients, which could be anything from art to baking to gardening. Or you could just come along to provide companionship, having a chat over a cup of coffee.

Time commitment is flexible to suit you. The role would suit a caring and empathetic volunteer, who might have some knowledge of working with people with dementia. **(Ref: NY1973)**

Adventure Leaders

Newbury, Hungerford



Help young people around West Berkshire explore outside safely and have a great time! After months of being unable to meet, Scout groups locally are preparing to get together, initially with outdoor socially distanced activities. They would like to hear from volunteers who could assist young people with gaining skills for life through problem solving, working in a team and leading.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team.

Help is required in Wash Common (Beavers and Cubs), central Newbury (Beavers and Scouts), Hungerford (Cubs and Scouts) and Shaw (Explorers). There is also a need for a Newbury group chair for someone who would like to support behind the scenes. **(Ref: NY2161)**

Adventure Leaders

Thatcham, Cold Ash, Compton



Help young people in Thatcham, Cold Ash and Compton explore outside safely and have a great time! After months of being unable to meet, Scout groups locally are preparing to get together, initially with outdoor socially distanced activities. They would like to hear from volunteers who could assist young people with gaining skills for life through problem solving, working in a team and leading.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team.

Help is required for Beavers and Scouts (Thatcham), Cubs (Cold Ash) and Beavers (Compton). **(Ref: NY2162)**

Adventure Leaders

Chieveley



Help young people in Chieveley explore outside safely and have a great time! Volunteers are required for a Beaver group in Chieveley on a Wednesday evening, providing activities for children aged 6-8.

After months of being unable to meet, Scout groups are preparing to get together, initially with outdoor socially distanced activities. The Chieveley group would like to hear from volunteers who could assist young people with gaining skills for life through problem solving, working in a team and leading.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team. Training will be provided. **(Ref NY2193)**

Adventure Leaders
Hungerford



Help young people in Hungerford explore outside safely and have a great time! Volunteers are required for a Cub group (ages 8-12) on a Thursday evening and a Scout (ages 10-14) on a Friday evening.

After months of being unable to meet, Scout groups are preparing to get together, initially with outdoor socially distanced activities. The Hungerford groups would like to hear from volunteers who could assist young people with gaining skills for life through problem solving, working in a team and leading.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team. Training will be provided. **(Ref NY2195)**

Adventure Leaders
Newbury



Help young people in Newbury explore outside safely and have a great time! Volunteers are required for a Cub group (ages 8-12) on a Wednesday evening and a Scout group (ages 10-14) on a Thursday evening.

After months of being unable to meet, Scout groups are preparing to get together, initially with outdoor socially distanced activities. The Newbury groups would like to hear from volunteers who could assist young people with gaining skills for life through problem solving, working in a team and leading.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team. Training will be provided. **(Ref NY2194)**

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)**

Appeal Volunteers
West Berkshire



Volunteers are being recruited to coordinate the Poppy Appeal locally. Responsibilities could involve contacting local organisations and arranging delivery of poppies, recruiting and organising collectors, arranging fundraising events and collections, and delivering poppies and tins.

The 2021 fundraising period runs from 21st October - 7th November, and volunteers will receive training and support. **(Ref: NY1018)**

Apple Day Steering Group Members
Newbury



An annual event in Newbury encourages people to collect apples that might go to waste and have them juiced. New volunteers are being recruited to join the steering group.

The group holds meetings to discuss what needs doing – this includes organising publicity, recruiting and managing volunteers, hiring/buying equipment and managing social media.

The role would suit organised and self-motivated volunteers with good people skills. **(Ref: NY2123)**

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)**

Area President
West Berkshire



Have you led teams in a voluntary, business or public sector environment? An organisation that provides and trains first aiders is seeking an area president. In this role, you will champion and support volunteering, and promote the work of the organisation in the community, alongside building relationships with other local organisations.

The role is for an initial term of three years, with the time commitment expected to be 1-2 hours a week. The role would suit someone with excellent diplomacy and influencing skills, an ability to identify new opportunities and partnerships and who enjoys supporting others. **(Ref: NY1936)**

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 is recruiting volunteers to give information and peer support to individuals living with arthritis at some of its local services. As well as one-to-one services which provide guidance on factors such as exercise, nutrition, pain management and surgery, there are also group workshops.

The role is flexible and you can choose in advance which services you will attend. If you are friendly, helpful and approachable, the charity would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1472)**

Association Visitor
West Berkshire



Make a real difference to the lives of people living with Motor Neurone Disease by volunteering as a visitor for the local branch of an MND charity.

In this role, you will offer emotional support to people living with MND and their families, provide information and help people access services/support.

Time commitment is flexible, with a minimum commitment of 2-4 hours a week. The role would suit volunteers who can work as part of team, liaise with health and social care professionals and develop supportive relationships. **(Ref: NY2145)**

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. As part of the team you will be encouraged to help organise ten events each year. Your time might be made up of planning/delivering activities, producing materials, liaising with speakers, organising venues and more. The role would suit proactive volunteers who are willing to travel to events. Time commitment is approximately three hours per week, usually on weekday evenings and weekends, however the role is really flexible. **(Ref: NY1668)**

B

Befriender West Berkshire



Could you be a friend to an older person in West Berkshire? Volunteer to visit someone who is lonely or can't get out much.

As a befriender, you will visit the person regularly in their home, building up a long-term relationship with them. During a visit you will spend quality time talking and listening – you may play cards or games, do craft activities or take a short walk if the person is mobile.

Visits are usually 1-2 hours a week in the daytime. The role would suit kind, caring and friendly volunteers. You will be given training and ongoing support. **(Ref: NY78)**

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, Thursday and also Friday afternoon. 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 befriending service in West Berkshire helps make a difference to those with life-limiting conditions.

As a befriender, you'll provide companionship to people during a difficult time in their lives and enable them to do the things that matter to them. This could include offering companionship, sharing activities and helping with small practical tasks. Time commitment is at least one hour a week. Individuals need to have a warm and caring approach. Full training, support and mentoring are provided. Befriending is currently carried out virtually/over the telephone. **(Ref: NY866)**

Befriending Bus Volunteers West Berkshire



Older people can be excluded from Facetime chats with loved ones because of a lack of IT in their own homes, or a lack of confidence in using it. Volunteer Centre West Berkshire's exciting new Befriending Bus project will be a fun way of ensuring lonely and older people are included.

In partnership with Fair Close Centre, a specially adapted minibus will be visiting the homes of older/socially isolated people locally. On board the minibus there is IT allowing them to have a chat with friends and loved ones who may live many miles away. Volunteers will drive the bus and help set up the chats.

The role would suit friendly drivers with Facebook/Facetime/Skype type skills. Volunteers will need to be between 21 and 70, with a clean UK driving license and the ability to carry and install the computer equipment. **(Ref NY2188)**

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 Thursdays 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)**

Building Guide
Greenham



Do you have an interest in local history? A visitor attraction in Newbury focusing on Greenham's history is seeking volunteer guides.

The role will involve providing a friendly welcome to visitors, giving guided tours/talks, answering questions and ensuring procedures are followed.

The building is open every weekend, two mornings through the week and occasional evenings. There is no minimum commitment, and the organisation will be as flexible as possible in the context of their opening hours. **(Ref: NY1943)**

C

Café and Gift Shop Volunteer
Newbury



A local museum is recruiting volunteers to help in its café and gift shop, providing a warm welcome to visitors.

The role involves taking orders, operating a till, serving customers, learning how to make food and drinks when required and helping with merchandise by cleaning or restocking.

Volunteers will commit to a regular time, with sessions available 10:00 – 13:00 or 13:00 – 16:00 Wednesday to Sunday.

The role would suit volunteers who enjoy meeting people of all ages, and are able to work both alone and as part of a team. **(Ref: NY2134)**

Café Team
Greenham



A visitor attraction in Newbury focusing on Greenham's history is seeking volunteers to help in its café.

The role will involve greeting customers and taking orders, preparing simple food and serving. Volunteers will also help keep the café and kitchens clean, learn to operate a till and have the opportunity to contribute ideas for the café's development.

The building is open every weekend, two mornings through the week and occasional evenings. Time commitment is flexible to suit you. Experience of catering would be an asset, but training can be provided. **(Ref: NY1944)**

Carpenter
Newbury



Are an enthusiastic and skilled carpenter who would like to give something back to the community and improve the lives of young people?

A charity is in the process of refurbishing a local youth and community centre. It is looking for a volunteer carpenter to turn wood into robust furniture such as benches and tables. You will need the ability to transport the wood, design the furniture yourself and undertake the work off site with your own tools.

The project can be completed around your other commitments, with the charity hoping the furniture to be finished by summer 2021. **(Ref: NY2167)**

Carpentry Volunteer for Mental Health Allotment Group
Newbury



A charity is looking for a friendly, enthusiastic and welcoming individual with a good knowledge of carpentry to help at a small mental health group held at an allotment in Newbury.

The role involves engaging volunteers in a number of activities and using your knowledge of carpentry to repair beds, furniture and other fittings around the allotment.

You don't need a prior knowledge of mental health to volunteer, but a passion and enthusiasm to help vulnerable people is essential. The group runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2.30 to 4.30pm (times subject to change). **(Ref: NY2164)**

Chair
West Berkshire



A local group consisting of individuals and organisations from different parts of the community works to make West Berkshire more dementia friendly.

The group is seeking a volunteer chair to lead at bi-monthly meetings, and work alongside the coordinator to ensure the group fulfils its responsibilities and actions. The chair has a leadership role in mentoring the coordinator and acts as the channel of communication between stakeholders and the alliance.

Time commitment is two hours a week, and the role would suit an organised and personable volunteer, with strong written and oral communication skills and a knowledge of Microsoft Office. Meetings are held bi-monthly, normally on Wednesday mornings. **(Ref: NY2178)**

Charity Shop Assistant
Newbury



A charity that supports life-limited and life-threatened children and their families is seeking volunteers for its new shop in Newbury.

The shop specialises in second-hand books, furniture and children's toys. This role involves assisting and serving customers, sorting and pricing stock and operating the till.

They are particularly keen to hear from volunteers with a passion for reading and books, or a love of furniture and upcycling.

The role would suit someone with excellent communication skills who enjoys being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2152)**

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 with 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 Monday to Saturday.

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. They are particularly looking for till cashiers and those who are willing to cash-up at the end of the day.

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
Hungerford



Can you spare a few hours during the week or on a Saturday? Would you like to gain experience 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 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. You could also serve customers on the till if you wanted to. The role would suit people who enjoy being part of a team. **(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 Volunteer
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 Volunteer
Thattham



A Thattham charity shop which raises funds for hospice care is looking for volunteers with great people skills to join its team. Tasks include till work, sorting donations, managing stock and customer service. Hours are flexible but a regular and consistent commitment would be welcomed.

This role is suitable for someone who can work both alone and as part of a team. Being retail – or fashion – focused would be an added benefit!

Training will be provided, and volunteers are currently needed for Saturdays (morning and afternoon), Tuesday (morning and afternoon) and Thursday (afternoon). **(Ref: NY1366)**

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)**

Children's Rugby Coach
Thattham



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)**

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)**

Collection Box Co-Ordinator
West Berkshire



A national charity which aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of the cancer patients, is looking for volunteers who can identify and place collection boxes locally. The role involves talking to shop owners and receptionists about how the boxes will help the charity and emptying them every 4-6 months. You would also keep records of the amounts raised.

The charity is keen to hear from energetic and proactive volunteers and the time commitment is flexible to fit around you. **(Ref: NY2001)**

Collection Tin Coordinator
West Berkshire



A cancer charity that supports children, young people and their families is seeking volunteers who can ensure collection tins are well managed locally.

This role involves seeking out new locations for tins, building relationships with people at tin locations, placing and replacing tins four times per year and counting/banking donations.

Time commitment is flexible to fit around you. The role would suit numerate and organised volunteers who enjoy meeting people. **(Ref: NY2060)**

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)**

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
Newbury



Do you have a love of animals? Would you like to play a part in increasing awareness of animal welfare?

The committee of a local branch of an animal charity is looking for new members. The role will involve attending meetings to discuss branch matters and occasionally organising or helping at events organised by the branch.

Computer, office and financial skills would be useful, or perhaps practical abilities like driving or setting up a gazebo! There are about 6-8 meetings a year, and help at events is required once or twice a year. **(Ref: NY1924)**

Committee Members

Newbury



Do you enjoy live church organ music?

A thriving local organists' association needs volunteers to help at its monthly organ recitals and on its committee. An interest in the organ is essential, and a willingness to help with some admin tasks in a friendly group.

Time commitment is three hours per month. The concerts are monthly, generally on a Thursday lunchtime. **(Ref: NY2129)**

Communications (Newsletter) Volunteer

Newbury



Would you like to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by MS? The local branch of an MS charity is looking for a volunteer to write and edit newsletters.

The role is also likely to include maintaining website pages, moderating social media accounts and responding to information requests.

The ideal volunteer will be confident using Microsoft Office and the Internet and be able to communicate clearly in written and spoken English. Time commitment is expected to be 1-2 hours a week. There are also monthly team meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. **(Ref: NY2121)**

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, Wednesday and Thursday 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 Champion

West Berkshire



Could you help promote the aims of a national cancer charity by representing them at community events, distributing information to local organisations and seeking out new fundraising avenues? The charity, which aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of cancer patients, is recruiting volunteer community supporters in West Berkshire.

The role would suit someone who enjoys public speaking and meeting and talking to new people and groups. You will be well supported by the charity's staff, who are interested in hearing from energetic and proactive individuals. **(Ref: NY1723)**

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

West Berkshire



A cancer charity that supports children, young people and their families is seeking volunteers who can use their local knowledge and great communication skills to promote their cause.

The role involves approaching businesses and groups to encourage them to get involved, putting up posters on local bulletin boards, building relationships with local media and promoting via social media.

Time commitment is flexible to fit around you. The role would suit outgoing and enthusiastic volunteers. **(Ref: NY2062)**

Community Engagement Volunteer (Youth)

West Berkshire



Are you aged between 16-30? 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 Fundraising Ambassador

West Berkshire



A charity that provides hospice and neurological care is seeking Community Fundraising Ambassadors to help support raise vital funds.

As a volunteer ambassador, you will play a key role in helping to raise awareness of the charity in the local community. This role involves delivering talks to local groups and organisations, inspiring them to support the charity.

The role is suited to volunteers who are comfortable and confident with public speaking, with a good knowledge of the local area. The role is flexible, but a commitment of one day per week would be ideal. **(Ref: NY1124)**

Community Garden Project Volunteers

Englefield



A local not-for-profit project produces and sells fruit and vegetables with the help of volunteers.

Volunteering opportunities are available in the areas of fundraising, admin, leaflet distribution, helping at events such as open days and fetes, gardening, conservation environmental art and outdoor cooking! Volunteering takes place on Wednesday and Friday mornings. **(Ref: NY705)**

Community Governor

Newbury



Governors are being recruited for a local provider of education to students unable to access mainstream classes.

In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring clarity of strategic direction, hold executive leaders to account for the organisation's educational performance and oversee finances, ensuring money is well spent.

The role would suit someone with experience in HR, health & safety, people management or organisational skills. Meetings are held 2 or 3 times a term, usually in the afternoon. You will also need to be able to visit education units once or twice a term. **(Ref: NY2077)**

Community Library Organiser

Burghfield



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 with good communication and organisational skills. The ideal volunteer will enjoy helping out in a team, but also be self-motivated and able to organise alone.

The time involved varies depending on how many changes there need to be to rotas in a given week. Timetabling can be done at the library or at home. **(Ref: NY1986)**

Community Library Organiser

Mortimer



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This opportunity would suit someone with good communication and organisational skills. The ideal volunteer will enjoy helping out in a team, but also be self-motivated and able to organise alone.

The time involved varies depending on how many changes there need to be to rotas in a given week. Timetabling can be done at the library or at home. **(Ref: NY2184)**

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 Navigator
West Berkshire



Prevent and reduce social isolation across the district by supporting vulnerable people to look after themselves, live independently and have a good quality of life.

Community Navigators visit and advise people in their homes, signposting them to appropriate activities. You'll also help people develop skills to find solutions themselves and access information online.

Time commitment is flexible and estimated to be 3-5 hours a week. The role would suit a non-judgemental volunteer with good interpersonal skills, who is also computer literate. **(Ref: NY2138)**

Community Support Volunteer
Newbury



A charity that works to improve young people's confidence, self-esteem and resilience has an exciting new volunteering opportunity in Newbury.

Activities you could help with include working with young people doing messy play, participating in a sing-along session with toddlers and reading books, knit and natter session for all ages, coffee morning for all ages, homework help and a drop-in to come and talk.

The charity is looking for friendly volunteers who would be interested in helping with sessions on a weekly basis. Time commitment is a couple of hours a week to suit you. **(Ref: NY2190)**

Co-opted Governor
Newbury



A Newbury primary school is looking for co-opted governors. This is an opportunity for you to help ensure the school is delivering good quality education to its pupils. The board of governors ensures clarity of vision and strategic direction, holds executive leaders to account for educational performance of the school and oversees financial performance to ensure money is well spent.

Time commitment is 5-8 hours a month; the board meets six times a year. In addition, governors are encouraged to visit the school. The school would be interested in hearing from people with experience of leadership, finance, HR, administration, education, SEN, management or working with children. **(Ref NY1750)**

Co-Opted School Governor
Newbury



A local education provider that supports children and young people with a variety of complex learning difficulties is seeking governors.

Governors play an important role in school life, helping to debate, shape and progress the school plans, policies and procedures. They meet a couple of times each term, with meetings currently being done virtually (meetings occur at around 4.30pm).

If you feel you could help set the school's vision and strategic direction, they would be interested in hearing from you. Experience in project management/building, business management, financial management or human resources skills would be particularly welcome. **(Ref: NY2170)**

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 (level 4) counselling course, received their own counselling and have worked with young people in some capacity. 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)**

Crowd Funding Specialist Lead
West Berkshire



A specialist gym with power-assisted exercise equipment operates for the benefit of people with disabilities living locally. The centre is currently planning a new hydrotherapy premises.

Fundraising has been achieved mainly through grants and contact with regular supporters. The centre would also like to raise funds through social media. It is therefore looking for a volunteer with a sound knowledge of crowd funding and using it to generate significant charitable income.

The role would suit someone with strong social media expertise, and the passion to hit a big target and have fun on the way. **(Ref: NY2166)**

Customer Service Assistant
Newbury



A hospice charity has a shop in Newbury, and needs volunteers who can help ensure that customers have the best possible experience in store.

Tasks may include greeting customers, advising them of the Gift Aid scheme, serving on the till, answering phone queries and helping ensure the shop is tidy and well-presented.

The shop is open seven days a week and ideally volunteers will commit to a regular four hour shift, however any time you can give will be welcomed. The role would suit friendly, patient and attentive volunteers who like to work as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1977)**

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Day Trip Crew
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.

Many groups hire boats just for the day, and on these days crew are needed to steer the boat and operate the locks. The days usually run from 10:30am to 4:00pm with crew arriving at 9:45am to prepare the boat.

Volunteering takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY848)**

Directors
Newbury



Do you want to do something practical that will ease the housing crisis? A local charity owns and manages 16 modern flats that are let to families who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market.

Due to recent retirements, the charity is recruiting new directors. They are looking for someone who is willing to accept responsibility and enjoys being part of a small team. Directors will like people, be well-organised and reliable and familiar with using e-mail and online resources. Previous experience of social housing or being a trustee would be useful but not essential.

Directors attend quarterly meetings and there are additional Property Committee meetings, usually every couple of months. Time commitment outside of these meetings is flexible. **(Ref: NY2136)**

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 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)**

Drivers
Newbury



A charity that supports life-limited and life-threatened children and their families has a shop in Newbury.

They are looking for volunteer van drivers to assist with the delivery of sold and collection of donated furniture. The driver will be accompanied by another team member for sharing lifting of large items.

The role involves driving a 3.5 ton van, and volunteers will need a clean licence and good level of spoken English. Some previous experience would be preferred. **(Ref: NY2156)**

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
Thattham



A busy Thattham 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 and Office Volunteers

Kintbury



A busy Kintbury car scheme has a pool of volunteer drivers to undertake requests from the elderly and infirm to take them to appointments of all kinds. Office volunteers are also needed to join the rota to man the phone. Volunteers may also participate in the organisation of the lunch club, tea dance and the welcome service that the village offers.

Drivers will need a clean and current licence, and should have empathy for the elderly. **(Ref: NY178)**

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

Burghfield and Mortimer



A volunteer driving scheme that serves the Burghfield and Mortimer 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: NY346)**

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)**

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)**

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: NY1797)**

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/Fundraising Volunteer

West Berkshire



A charity that supports children and young people who are facing, or have experienced, the death of someone close, is seeking volunteers to support at fundraising events.

The role could involve setting up stalls at events, managing cashboxes, selling merchandise and raffle tickets, counting takings and being an ambassador for the charity.

Events usually take place at weekends. The charity will give you plenty of notice about upcoming events and there is no expectation for volunteers to be available at all of them. **(Ref: NY1919)**

Event Helper

West Berkshire



A national charity which aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of the cancer patients, needs volunteers to help out at events. Typically they need help manning their stand, selling merchandise and collecting money.

The charity is keen to hear from energetic and proactive volunteers who are willing to talk to people about its work. Time commitment is flexible to fit around you. **(Ref: NY1725)**

Event Coordinator

West Berkshire



An organisation that raises money towards the cost of repairs to local churches runs a yearly fundraising event for which a new volunteer coordinator is required.

The event involves getting as many people as possible to walk, run, ride or drive to as many churches as possible, raising funds in the process. The coordinator role involves maintaining a database, communicating with churches and sending out information on the event, contacting people who might take part and sending out publicity to local media. IT skills in e-mail, Word and Excel are essential. This is a home-based role, with quarterly meetings held in Reading. **(Ref: NY1908)**

Event Organisers and Supporters

West Berkshire



A charity that helps increase the confidence and self-esteem of young people is seeking volunteer event organisers and supporters.

The roles are varying and the charity likes to match what they need to what volunteers want to do. Possible activities include organising or attending money pot collections, running raffles, promoting the charity at events and setting up fundraising events such as fun days.

Time commitment is flexible. **(Ref: NY2126)**

Events Coordinator

West Berkshire



Make a real difference to the lives of people living with Motor Neurone Disease by volunteering for the local branch of an MND charity.

This opportunity involves organising a programme of awareness and fundraising events. In this role, you will ensure appropriate resources are in place for events, encourage other organisations to run events and support individuals in achieving sponsorship.

This is a home-based role, with meetings held near Reading. Time commitment is 1-2 hours a week, and training/induction will be provided. The role would suit a volunteer with good communication and organisational skills who enjoys being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2144)**

Exhibitions Volunteer

Greenham



A visitor attraction in Newbury focusing on Greenham's history is seeking exhibition volunteers.

This role involves working with others to develop a programme of exhibition and outreach events. You will assist with working out logistics, scheduling and allocating tasks, as well as helping with set-up and delivery.

Time commitment is flexible to suit you. The role would suit a volunteer who loves being around people, who is full of enthusiasm and hopes to inspire people of all ages. **(Ref: NY2149)**

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 boats – 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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Facilitator

West Berkshire



An education charity delivers sessions in secondary schools to help young people explore the life skills needed to sustain long-term, healthy relationships. The charity is looking for volunteer facilitators to run the sessions. You will be responsible for introducing the topic, engaging the students, introducing volunteer couples, ensuring the sessions run to time and summarising at the end.

The role would suit someone with experience of facilitation, mentoring or teaching who has worked with young people in some capacity. Time commitment is half a day every three months, or two days per year during term time. Sessions are now being run remotely through video calls with classes. **(Ref: NY2075)**

**Family Activities
Assistant Volunteer**
Newbury



A local museum is looking for volunteers who can help run activities for children to be involved with. You will help make visitors feel welcome and ensure their visits run as smoothly as possible by assisting in the fun activities.

The role will involve contributing ideas for activities, preparing materials, setting up and tidying and assisting with evaluation.

The role would suit enthusiastic and energetic volunteers who thrive in a busy environment. The role is expected to involve 1-6 days commitment a month (mostly in the school holidays on Fridays). **(Ref: NY2065)**

**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)**

**Fruit Orchard Project
Volunteers**
West Berkshire

Retail and information



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 assistance dogs to people with visual impairment is seeking volunteers to assist their fundraising team locally.

The time commitment can be very flexible, and the team organise events throughout the year. There is the opportunity to be involved in street collections, help on stalls at local events and take collection boxes to local businesses.

The role would suit volunteers with good communication skills who enjoy being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2087)**

Fundraiser
Wash Common



A local community library is run entirely by volunteers. The library is seeking a volunteer who would take responsibility for organising fundraising events to cover their annual running costs.

The volunteer would maintain the library's Good Exchange fundraising platform, research and apply for grants and come up with interesting ways of raising funds.

The ideal volunteer will be passionate about the need for libraries and enjoy meeting people of all ages. The role requires a confident, organised person with excellent written communication skills and an ability to use financial data. The role is very flexible and there are no specific working hours. **(Ref: NY2124)**

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)**

Fundraisers
West Berkshire



A charity that helps increase the confidence and self-esteem of young people is seeking volunteer fundraisers.

Fundraising roles are varied and the organisation likes to match what they need to what volunteers feel they can do. The role could involve money tin collections, writing funding applications, contacting businesses for donations, running raffles and promoting the charity at various events. Time commitment is flexible. **(Ref: NY2127)**

Fundraising Engagement Volunteer
West Berkshire



A cancer charity that supports children, young people and their families is seeking volunteers who can raise awareness and increase their income.

Your role will be to help support local events and help represent the charity in the local community. This could involve organising events, attending cheque presentations, organising bucket collections and placing collection tins. Time commitment is flexible to fit around you. **(Ref: NY2059)**

Fundraising Group Lead
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 role can work flexibly to suit your availability and other commitments. The time commitment will vary depending on the time of year, increasing during campaign periods or when the group is organising specific events. **(Ref: NY1866)**

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.

Demonstrable previous experience of working with a not-for-profit organisation is required, either as a successful fundraising event organiser or as an author of successful grant applications. **(Ref: NY1315)**

Fundraising Research Volunteer
West Berkshire



A cancer charity that supports children, young people and their families is seeking volunteers who can help them find new opportunities and build fundraising contacts.

The role involves using your local knowledge and research skills to build a list of potential organisations, researching charity of the year partnerships and looking up community champions within businesses.

Time commitment is flexible to fit around you. The role would suit an organised volunteer who enjoys researching and collating information. **(Ref: NY2061)**

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 Volunteer
Newbury



Would you like to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by MS? The local branch of an MS charity is looking for a volunteer who can support them to organise fundraising activities and events. You'll help with planning events, preparation and making sure everything runs smoothly on the day.

The role will also involve maximising funds raised, developing links with local organisations, assisting with compliance issues, helping with completing finance declarations and coordinating other volunteers.

Time commitment is expected to be 1-2 hours a week planning and 2-3 hours a month attending the social meeting organised. There are also monthly team meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. The ideal volunteer will be confident using Microsoft Office and e-mail and be able to follow fundraising standards. **(Ref: NY2119)**

Fundraising Volunteer
Greenham



A visitor attraction in Newbury focusing on Greenham's history is seeking volunteers to help with fundraising.

This role involves working with other volunteers to identify fundraising opportunities and events, identifying partner organisations to provide support and writing funding applications.

The building is open every weekend, two mornings through the week and occasional evenings. There is no minimum commitment and the organisation will be as flexible as possible in the context of their opening hours. **(Ref: NY2150)**

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. This role could involve being their mascot, public speaking, fundraising, collecting donation boxes, community events and van driving.

Hours are to suit, with fundraising events happening mainly at the weekends and evenings. **(Ref: NY499)**

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General Shop Volunteer
Newbury



A hospice charity has a shop in Newbury and is seeking friendly volunteers to help give its customers the best possible experience. You could be front of house, serving customers and keeping the shop floor tidy, or organising stock behind the scenes. Tasks include sorting and pricing, restocking, taking donations and talking to customers and serving on the till if you're happy to.

The shop is open seven days a week and ideally volunteers will commit to a regular four hour shift, however any time you can give will be welcomed. Volunteers should have good common sense and enjoy working as part of a team. **(Ref: NY976)**

Group Secretary
Lambourn



A Lambourn organisation provides horse riding lessons to people with physical and learning disabilities.

They are currently seeking a volunteer group secretary. The role involves keeping volunteers and riders informed with group news, taking minutes at meetings, keeping paperwork, maintaining contact databases and being on the board of trustees for the group.

Time commitment is approximately two hours per week. The role is largely home based with the need to attend meetings in the RG17 area, although currently meetings are being held on Zoom. **(Ref: NY2168)**

Guide Assistant Leaders
Pangbourne



There are currently around 70,000 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 Pangbourne area. The role would suit those with an ability to relate to young people, and there are various groups ranging from ages five to eighteen. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1244)**

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 the Newbury area to help at the evening unit meetings. You'll volunteer directly with young people in Rainbows (Fri), Brownies (Tues or Wed) or Guides (Tues or Fri).

*Support girls on a regular basis and see them grow

*Get stuck into adventurous (and often messy!) activities

*Have a rewarding role where you'll develop great relationships with girls and volunteers. **(Ref: NY348)**

Guide Leaders

Thatcham



There are currently around 70,000 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 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, Thatcham



Newbury and Thatcham 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 21, have two years driving experience and be prepared to undergo a short assessment (which we will arrange). **(Ref: NY109)**

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)**

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Independent Visitor

West Berkshire



Independent visitors are appointed to children and young people looked after by the local authority who would benefit from having someone else in their lives.

Visitors are being recruited by a charity locally to visit children in care and take them out to activities. Activities will vary depending on the age and interests of the child, but could include going for walks, playing in the park, swimming, sports and bike riding.

This is a long-term, ongoing commitment of 8-10 hours per month. Full training will be given, and the role would suit reliable volunteers with good listening skills, firm boundaries and an understanding of child protection. **(Ref: NY2106)**

**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 a volunteer, who is based at the scheme's office or at home.

This is an ideal opportunity for organised individuals with a caring and friendly attitude, who have confidence using the internet and speaking on the phone. Time commitment is 2-4 hours on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (the service is open between 9am and 1pm). **(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)**

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Legal Advisor
Newbury



A local charity is looking for a fully qualified legal executive or barrister from any discipline, to provide legal advice on family law to victims of domestic violence and abuse. The volunteer must be familiar with family law.

Legal advice surgeries are currently being held over the phone due to social distancing requirements. The minimum commitment is three surgeries per year. Each surgery will involve three hours of volunteering, with clinic dates being arranged around your availability.

Volunteers should be empathetic, non-judgemental and have good communication skills. **(Ref: NY1252)**

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)**

Librarian Volunteer
Wash Common



A community library in south Newbury is seeking volunteer librarians who could help out with its day-to-day operations. Tasks include issuing items, helping users access books and services, shelving and tidying. The role would suit someone who enjoys meeting people of all ages.

Volunteers are requested to commit to a 2-hour slot, which is carried out with someone else. The number of slots you volunteer for is up to you and is very flexible. The library is open on Saturday mornings, Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. **(Ref: NY2125)**

Literacy Mentors
West Berkshire



If you have an interest in reading then consider joining a Berkshire-based 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 West Berkshire. 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 supporting 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)**

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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)**

**Management
Committee Volunteer**
Thatcham



Would you like to play an essential part in the running of organisation that provides activities to children and young people in Thatcham?

As a trustee, you will help ensure that the organisation runs to the standards required of a charity, operates to a safe financial level and develops new projects.

Trustees should be enthusiastic about youth work. Trustees come from all backgrounds – youth work, social media, event planning, financial and more! As a trustee, you would be required to attend six meetings a year, as well as help out with some of the youth activities. Previous experience would be preferred, however you will be offered support and relevant training. **(Ref: NY1951)**

**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)**

Media Team Volunteer
West Berkshire



An organisation which is a consumer champion for health and social care in West Berkshire is looking for 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 time commitment is approximately ten hours over six months. **(Ref: NY1910)**

**Media Team Volunteer
(Youth)**
West Berkshire



Are you aged between 16-30? 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)**

**Mental Health
Gardening Session
Volunteers**
Newbury



Are you a keen gardener who is passionate about promoting the benefits of physical activity and raising awareness of mental health?

A charity is looking for volunteers to support at gardening sessions, helping to deliver a fun, safe and welcoming atmosphere to adults experiencing mental health problems.

Time commitment will be in the region of 4-8 hours a week, spread across two days (Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-4:30, subject to change). Volunteers should be friendly and approachable, with good knowledge of gardening and allotments and an awareness of mental health. **(Ref: NY2084)**

Mentor
West Berkshire



Are you passionate about investing in young people locally? Do you have an hour a week to share your knowledge, skills and expertise?

A local charitable project has opportunities for volunteers to mentor young people aged 11-25 who are currently not in education, employment and training.

Mentors offer one-to-one practical support such as preparing CVs and interview skills, and also social-emotional/wellbeing support such as building self-esteem and a positive attitude.

The role would suit empathetic volunteers with good listening skills and a sense of humour. Previous experience of working with young people is desirable but not essential. **(Ref: NY2140)**

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)**

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 fortnight 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. Volunteers will need access to transport. **(Ref: NY1406)**

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 16-30? 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)**

E-mail vbase@vcwb.org.uk or call 01635 49004 if you'd like further guidance on finding the role for you

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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 anything from 6 houses to a whole road. As a co-ordinator, you will receive information on local crime and suspicious activity, which you can then make your neighbours aware of.

Help reduce crime rates by volunteering for this important role. Co-ordinators will receive free signs and stickers, and details of discounts available to scheme members. **(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)**

Online Retail Assistant
Pangbourne



Are you IT literate and do you enjoy working as part of a diverse team? One of the country's leading charity shop outlets has a branch in Pangbourne. The shop is looking for someone to help with their online sales, on eBay and the charity's own online shop.

The role involves describing the items for sale, researching the value, monitoring sales and packing/posting sold items. The role does not need to fit a specific shift pattern, but would be best carried out across one or two days (4 hour shifts) in the week. This is currently a home-based role, with support from the shop. **(Ref: NY1955)**

Out and About Volunteer
West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity runs a service for older people who have become isolated and for whom short-term support can make a real difference.

Volunteers are needed who can give 2-4 hours a week to support people aged 50+ who need some extra help to reconnect with the local community. The aim is to enhance quality of life in cases where there is little or no social contact.

In this role, you would provide short-term intervention, visiting a client and working on an action plan. The role also involves accompanying the client on visits to community activities and reporting back to the project coordinator. Volunteering would normally be between 10am and 5pm and you would need to be available to volunteer for a minimum of six months. **(Ref: NY2160)**

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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 distress 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 three to ten hours a week, with the service running primarily on weekdays. Team meetings take place in Reading. **(Ref: NY1767)**

Physical Activity Buddy
West Berkshire



Are you someone that enjoys being active? Are you willing to help encourage those that are less confident about taking up activity?

Physical Activity Buddies are volunteers that will provide support to encourage those new/returning to activity. This will be over the phone and/or in person. If in person, this will be part of a group session.

The role would suit volunteers with good communication skills and an encouraging, supportive demeanour. The group sessions are just relaunching post-lockdown and are in a variety of locations – currently Hungerford, Pangbourne and Englefield. **(Ref: NY2151)**

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)**

Project Assistant -My Speakerfriend

West Berkshire



A local project aims to support socially isolated and vulnerable residents who are not digitally connected by providing them with an easy-to-use non-digital speaker and regular new recordings on USB stick. This will enable them to feel connected to the outside world, with recordings personalised to suit an individual's interests.

A home-based Project Assistant volunteer is required for 4-6 hours a week. This role involves developing a categorisation system for recordings, keeping records of recordings, receiving and uploading referral forms for clients, working with another volunteer to tailor content, gathering feedback and delivering speakers/USB sticks to clients where needed. The role would suit an organised and personable volunteer with knowledge of Microsoft Office. **(Ref: NY2175)**

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)**

R

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)**

Recording Engineer

Newbury



For over 40 years, a local organisation has helped keep local blind and partially sighted people in touch with news from the area. A weekly audio version of the Newbury Weekly News is provided on USB memory sticks.

The organisation is looking for someone to join their team of "Recording Engineers" who could spare a couple of hours once a month on a Friday morning – this role involves recording the readers onto a laptop and afterwards transferring the recordings to USB memory stick.

The role does not entail any particular qualifications or experience – only a basic fluency with a laptop and a degree of common sense. **(Ref: NY2157)**

Referral Order Panel Member

West Berkshire



Do you want to make a difference to the lives of young people?

Young people who attend the Youth Court for the first time and plead guilty to an offence are often given a Community Order called a Referral Order. A Referral Order Panel Meeting consists of two volunteers, alongside a member of the Youth Offending Team. You will help lead a discussion with the young person and their parent/carer, talking about the reasons for the offending behaviour. Together you will agree a contract of intervention the young person must adhere to, which is aimed at repairing the harm caused and preventing further offending.

Minimum time commitment is two hours a month, and volunteers would be required on weekdays during the day and early evening up until 7pm. Full training will be given. **(Ref: NY2191)**

Repair Volunteers

Purley



A new community group for Purley on Thames is seeking volunteers with a range of skills in repairing varied household items.

Later this year, the group are planning to set up a Repair Café once a month at the weekend. The café requires skilled volunteers who can repair items or show people how to repair them.

If you are friendly and have repair skills relating to sewing, electrical, bicycles or household items, the group would be interested in hearing from you. Time commitment will be around three hours once a month. **(Ref: NY2182)**

Retail and Information Volunteer

Thatcham



A local nature conservation organisation is looking for volunteers to help run their exciting new shop. The organisation has invested in new shelving and has new stock ranges. The new ethos will be selling sustainable, recyclable goods and supporting local businesses and artisans. Volunteers will also operate as "front of house" for the visitor centre, engaging with visitors, helping them decide which route to walk, helping them identify a duck on the lake and perhaps selling them a new bird book!

The role would suit volunteers who enjoy talking to people and encouraging visitors to get the most out of their visit. **(Ref NY2189)**

Riding Assistant

Lambourn



An organisation provides horse riding lessons to people with physical and learning disabilities. Volunteers are required to support the sessions, which run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (you can commit to as little or as much as you like, but most volunteers come for one session).

Volunteers help prepare the horses, lead or walk alongside horses during the sessions and assist riders to mount/dismount. No previous experience is necessary – full training and support will be provided. **(Ref: NY1940)**

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)**

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Saturday Day Centre Companion

Newbury



A care organisation runs a fortnightly Saturday social group (10:00 – 15:00) which gives older people living with dementia the opportunity to socialise and engage in activities.

They are seeking a volunteer who can support those attending the session, encouraging participation and giving guidance when needed. Assistance at meal time is also required, and the volunteer will work alongside trained support workers.

Full training and ongoing support will be given, and the role would suit a calm, patient and empathetic volunteer. **(Ref: NY2109)**

**Saturday Lunch Club
Volunteer**
Newbury



Join the enthusiastic team running a café/restaurant at a centre for the elderly in Newbury.

The role includes taking orders, serving and making hot drinks. It would also include preparing/serving food (a simple menu such as jacket potatoes, salads and soup) for meals on wheels clients and clients who visit the restaurant and money handling.

Time commitment is 10:30am – 3pm on one Saturday per month. Volunteers will need empathy for the elderly and a positive disposition. A level 2 Food Hygiene qualification will be required; this can be provided if necessary. **(Ref: NY2185)**

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 Christian initiative is recruiting volunteer pastors to support students at a Burghfield school during the lunch break.

School pastors are ordinary Christians engage with young people, 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 2-8 hours a month (on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) depending on your availability. Ongoing training will be provided. **(Ref: NY1772)**

Scorers
Newbury



Join a cricket club at the heart of the local community by becoming a volunteer scorer.

The requirement would involve scoring around ten games a season, sharing the load with other scorers. Time commitment would be seven hours every other Saturday.

Previous cricket scoring experience would be ideal but training/mentoring can be provided. Home games are played in Newbury; away fixtures vary but are no more than an hour away from Newbury. **(Ref: NY2183)**

**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 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
Wash Common



A community centre based in South Newbury that provides a vital meeting place for many groups is seeking a new secretary.

The Secretary handles correspondence, puts up notices, maintains lists of activities and contacts, as well as taking the minutes at committee meetings, and emailing them to committee members.

Meetings take place on Thursday evenings every six weeks. The volunteer will need to be familiar with word processing and spreadsheets. **(Ref: NY1913)**

**Shop Assistant –
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. Volunteers have the opportunity to operate the till, with training provided for this. You can help play a part in reducing poverty and injustice by volunteering for the shop. Time commitment is one or two 4 hour shifts per week. **(Ref: NY1332)**

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 when new stock arrives. Meet new people, give to the community and pick up new skills. **(Ref: NY1535)**

**Shop Assistant – 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. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to be involved in merchandising. 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. Time commitment is one or two 4 hour shifts a week. **(Ref: NY1331)**

**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)**

Speaker
West Berkshire



A Christian charity collects unwanted tools, refurbishes them and then sorts them into trade kits to send across the world for livelihood creation.

Help promote the work of the charity by becoming a volunteer speaker, giving talks to organisations such as churches, schools and Rotary Clubs.

The role will include arranging, planning and giving talks, encouraging groups to raise money and donate tools. Time commitment is flexible depending on requests for talks and the amount you would like to take on. The role would suit friendly volunteers who are willing to travel a little and are able to deliver talks/sermons with passion. **(Ref: NY2054)**

Speaker
West Berkshire



A cancer charity that supports children, young people and their families is seeking volunteer speakers to help promote their work.

This role involves giving talks and presentations about the charity, proactively approaching organisations to organise talks and collecting cheques from groups.

Time commitment is flexible to fit around you, but you will need to be able to commit to some evenings and weekends. The role would suit confident and articulate volunteers who enjoy meeting people. **(Ref: NY2058)**

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)**

Stockroom Assistant
Newbury



A hospice charity has a shop in Newbury and is seeking friendly volunteers to help sort, identify and keep track of stock.

Stockroom volunteers help sort each donated bag or box and decide what to sell, hang clothes, clean up and sticker bric-a-brac, maybe even build flat-pack furniture and sell online if you fancy it.

The shop is open seven days a week and ideally volunteers will commit to a regular four hour shift, however any time you can give will be welcomed. The role would suit well-organised volunteers who are happy to get stuck in and enjoy working as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1978)**

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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)**

Telephone Befriender
West Berkshire



Being visually impaired makes social distancing extremely difficult and returning to normal activities is not an option for some.

A local charity runs a telephone befriending service which has had a significant impact on the lives of people who are visually impaired, and the requests to continue the service post-pandemic have been overwhelming.

If you can spare an hour once or twice a week to have a chat, you will discover how rewarding it is to build a new friendship and help someone feel less isolated. **(Ref: NY2142)**

Thatcham Event Ambassadors
Thatcham



Do you have an interest in the arts, events and people?

A programme of exciting events in Thatcham is planned for 2021, starting with Family Fun Day on the 27th June. This event will be more community focused than usual and planned around latest government guidelines. On 4th and 5th July, an event is being planned to honour national key workers day, and an Arts and Leisure Festival is planned for October.

As a volunteer, you'll help deliver the programmes by welcoming the community and suppliers to the events, supporting safety policies and helping with stewarding. You'll meet new people, gain event experience and hopefully have a great time providing support! **(Ref: NY2111)**

**Thyme Together
Session Volunteers**
Englefield



Volunteers are needed to help with new "Thyme Together" sessions being run by a community garden project. These sessions will give older people the opportunity to take part in gardening and in art and craft activities using natural and recycled materials.

As a volunteer, you will help support participants, with a session leader guiding the activities. The role would suit volunteers with good communication skills and a good sense of humour. The sessions take place on Thursdays between 1 and 3pm. **(Ref: NY2032)**

Till Assistant
Newbury



Use your customer service skills and provide service with a smile! A hospice charity has a shop in Newbury and is volunteer till assistants.

The tills are easy to use and as a till assistant you will be the face of the shop. You'll be focused and friendly, take payments, pack goods and spot opportunities to upsell, making sure customers leave wanting to come back.

The shop is open seven days a week and ideally volunteers will commit to a regular four hour shift, however any time you can give will be welcomed. The role would suit a patient and attentive volunteer who enjoys working as part of a team. **(Ref: NY1979)**

Tool Collector
West Berkshire



A Christian charity collects unwanted tools, refurbishes them and then sorts them into trade kits to send across the world for livelihood creation.

Volunteers are required to respond to requests from the public to collect tools they have to donate. The role involves taking calls and e-mails, arranging collection times and driving to collect tools.

The role would suit friendly volunteers who enjoy driving and are happy to travel to make collections. Time commitment is flexible and variable depending on collections needed. **(Ref: NY2053)**

Treasurer
Newbury



A charity that supports elderly people in Newbury is seeking a volunteer treasurer. The role involves viewing Xero accounting software monthly and making necessary adjustments (currently two half days a month), providing figures and reports at meetings (two meetings on a quarterly basis, usually early evenings on a Monday), budget preparation, preparing cashflow forecasts and preparing information for the accountants at the end of the financial year.

The role would ideally suit a recently retired Chartered Accountant or finance professional. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom. **(Ref: NY2172)**

Treasurer and Trustee
Newbury



A Newbury drop in centre supporting the homeless is looking to recruit a volunteer treasurer and trustee. The volunteer will have experience of current finance practice and fundraising relevant to a voluntary CIO charity, knowledge of bookkeeping and financial management, experience of Excel, good financial skills and the ability to communicate clearly.

The role will involve maintaining proper accounts, reporting on financial matters to the trustees and at the AGM, processing payments, preparing reports for the Charity Commission and providing financial support for fundraising projects.

Trustee meetings are currently being held on Zoom. **(Ref: NY2174)**

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
Thattham



Do you have an interest in historical buildings and the local community? Could you assist in the promotion and preservation of a local building that is hired out to local leisure and education groups?

A new trustee is needed for an organisation that looks after this building, which has a 700 year history. You will play an important role in promoting and supporting the organisation's work. The time commitment is approximately five meetings a year, plus ad hoc business between meetings. **(Ref: NY2004)**

Trustee of the charity
Newbury



A West Berkshire organisation that provides support to people whose lives are affected by mental health issues is looking for new trustees.

They would particularly welcome people with financial, legal or HR skills from any sector. However, it is more important that you share the charity's values, have a belief in the value of every individual and have a desire to help the charity continue to grow.

You should also support real service user empowerment and leadership, and be able to work constructively with the members' management committee. The role would suit thoughtful, organised and compassionate volunteers. **(Ref: NY2165)**

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 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)**

**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)**

U

**Umpiring Development
Manager**
Thattham



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)**

Unit Manager
Newbury



A local organisation collects new and quality preloved items for babies and children of families experiencing financial hardship.

The organisation is seeking a reliable and organised unit manager volunteer, who will help them manage the donated stock. The role will involve storing stock safely and sorting it for quality. You will manage the preparation, cleaning and assembly of referrals to go to families.

Time commitment is at least three mornings a week but there is flexibility on days and times. Group meetings are held every 6-8 weeks. The role would suit someone with early years experience and significant experience of key holder responsibility. The volunteer should be happy to lift, carry and sort – this is a very hands on and physical role. **(Ref: NY2192)**

V

Volunteer Coordinator Hampstead Norreys



A local visitor attraction which houses over 600 species of plants and animals also has a team of 30-40 volunteers. A Volunteer Coordinator is needed to help with the general running and growth of volunteering.

The role involves administration (for example, processing volunteer applications), coordinating volunteer inductions, keeping volunteers updated of news and communicating with external agencies.

The role would suit a self-motivated volunteer with strong communication skills and admin experience. Time commitment is one day a week. **(Ref: NY1991)**

Volunteer Coordinator Thatcham



A local organisation that helps young people who are leaving care or are homeless is seeking a coordinator to recruit and manage their volunteers.

You will have the opportunity to grow the charity's volunteer base, allocating responsibilities and retaining volunteers.

Time commitment is half a day a week. The ideal volunteer will have good organisational and people skills, and understand the role that volunteers have in providing support in charities. **(Ref: NY2040)**

Volunteer Married Couple West Berkshire



An education charity delivers sessions in secondary schools to help young people explore the life skills needed to sustain happy and healthy relationships. As a volunteer married couple, you will spend time in classrooms answering student questions about experiences within your own relationship.

You don't need to be the "perfect couple", you just need to be open, honest and authentic. Time commitment is half a day every three months, or two days per year during term time. Sessions are now being run remotely through video calls with classes. **(Ref: NY2076)**

Volunteer Reader West Berkshire



Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a primary school? A national reading charity is looking for volunteers who can help transform a child's reading ability. You will be matched to the closest local school needing help, and your support could have a great impact on a child's life, enabling them to explore new worlds of knowledge, inspiration, creativity and fun.

Volunteers will need a good command of spoken and written English. **(Ref: NY2108)**

Volunteer Support Advocate West Berkshire



Help those who can't speak up about the services and support they need by becoming a Volunteer Support Advocate for a charity that supports people with disabilities or mental health needs.

The role involves accompanying and supporting advocates in home visits and research and attending events to publicise services. Volunteers will need to be good communicators with experience of working with vulnerable people and an interest in empowering people who are disadvantaged.

Time commitment is at least two half-days a week. The vast majority of this role will only be during the week, Monday to Friday daytime. **(Ref: NY2112)**

W

Webmaster & IT Support West Berkshire



A charity that provides holidays to adults with disabilities is looking to update its website and streamline its IT. This role would suit a volunteer with web design and IT support experience, who has a sense of fun and enjoys being part of a team. Experience with Google Drive would be advantageous.

The webmaster should also be a good communicator and able to encourage trustees and volunteers to submit articles for the web site.

The role can be done from home. After the initial site update, time commitment will be 2-3 hours a month, plus trustee meetings. **(Ref: NY2186)**

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

Being and advocate and acting as a conduit on behalf of the women

Helping with housing, CAB debts, finances, benefits, social services

This opportunity is suitable for approachable and non-judgemental volunteers, both male and female. **(Ref: NY1714)**

Workshop Support Volunteer

Newbury



A local young onset 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 Monday to Friday at various locations in West Berkshire/Berkshire. The role would be suited to good communicators with a sense of empathy. **(Ref: NY1815)**

Y

Youth Club Volunteer

Thatcham



A youth club for 11-13 year olds runs on Monday evenings in Thatcham, and volunteers are needed to help support a variety of activities.

Could you help run sporting activities such as basketball or football? Perhaps you have a special interest in arts, crafts or music that you could share. Or maybe you could help out by running the tuck shop.

Previous experience would be preferred but is not essential. All that's needed is a passion and enthusiasm for supporting young people. **(Ref: NY1952)**

Youth Club Volunteer

Thatcham



A youth club for 7-11 year olds runs on Friday evenings in Thatcham, and volunteers are needed to help support a variety of activities.

Could you help run sporting activities such as basketball or football? Perhaps you have a special interest in arts, crafts or music that you could share. Or maybe you could help out by running the tuck shop.

Previous experience would be preferred but is not essential. All that's needed is a passion and enthusiasm for supporting young people. **(Ref: NY1555)**

Youth Mentor

West Berkshire



A local project works with young people typically aged 13-18 who may be at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour or crime.

Volunteers meet with a young person once a week, talking through their concerns but most importantly identifying ways for the young person to positively channel their energy and build self-confidence. This could be through sport, music, art, joining a local group or volunteering.

The role would suit patient volunteers with good listening skills and a sense of humour. Time commitment is a couple of hours a week, with volunteering tending to be on weekdays. **(Ref: NY2177)**

**Youth Services
Volunteer**
West Berkshire



Do you have the energy and commitment to help a young person realise their potential? A charity working to reduce sexual harm through prevention, rehabilitation, educating and safeguarding is recruiting Youth Services Volunteers.

You will nurture and support a young person who has been identified as at risk, or who is already involved in the youth justice system displaying sexually harmful behaviour. The role involves reintegrating young people in their local communities, reducing isolation and increasing wellbeing.

Volunteers need to be available for 2-5 hours a week, with meetings usually running on weekdays after school/early evenings. The role would suit empathic volunteers with firm personal boundaries. **(Ref: NY2176)**

Youth Support Worker
Greenham



A scheme in Greenham that supports young people is looking for volunteers to assist with its activity sessions.

Volunteers are required on Tuesdays 5:30 to 7:30pm, and 7:30 to 9:30pm. The first session is for 7-12 year olds, and activities include crafts, games and sports. The second session is for 13-18 year olds, and is similar but more suited to teenagers. The scheme is also running a drop-in session on Wednesday to help with homework and have discussions (currently 3:00-5:00pm).

The role includes setting up/packing away equipment, helping delivering activities and supporting the young people to reach their full potential. **(Ref: NY2128)**

You've reached the end! Still not sure about which role is right for you? We are here to help. Contact us at vbase@vcwb.org.uk or call 01635 49004
