

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)**

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
Chieveley, West Berkshire



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 Wednesday a month in Chieveley (6.15-7.15pm). Volunteers will help young people aged 12-18 to socialise and interact in a supportive Covid safe environment. There are also adhoc sessions requiring volunteers – these are days out or shorter craft, sporting and socialising activities at various locations.

The role would suit friendly and empathetic 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)**

Admin Assistants
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who have a visual impairment or are blind is seeking volunteers to support with admin tasks. You can either volunteer for a regular task each week or for an individual project. There are opportunities to volunteer from home or at the charity's office in Reading.

Roles are varied and could include data input, calling people about services or satisfaction surveys or assisting with individual projects. **(Ref: NY2222)**

Administrator
West Berkshire



A local organisation that helps young people bridge the critical gap between leaving care and independent living is seeking a volunteer administrator.

In this role, you will help with office-based tasks, such as typing thank you letters, creating files and organising maintenance quotes.

Time commitment is 4-6 hours a week on a weekday. The role would suit a motivated, reliable and competent administrator who would enjoy being part of a small, friendly team. **(Ref: NY2248)**

Adult Adapted Sports Assistants
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired runs a programme of sports activities for its clients. Volunteers are required to help with these activities. You can either focus on the sport that interests you or you may wish to volunteer across several activities.

Activities on offer include tandem cycling, rock climbing, golf, running, dragon boating, swimming, tennis and walking.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible – some activities are weekly, some monthly and some occasionally. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2226)**

Adult Helpers
Compton



Could you help girls grow in confidence, have adventures and learn new skills? Volunteer Adult Helpers are needed to support with Girl Guiding activities in the Compton area. You don't need any experience in Guiding – just enthusiasm and a desire to have fun!

Whether you can offer help for an evening every two weeks or would like to support every week, any level of help is welcome. There will be the opportunity to take an active role in planning and delivering activities, as well as working towards a leadership qualification. Volunteers are required on Monday evenings. **(Ref: NY2250)**

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 28th October - 11th 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)**

Artist Liaison/Stage Manager
Newbury



Newbury's Christmas Light Switch On event is back on Saturday 20th November! There will be festive activities taking place throughout the day, with live entertainment and the big switch-on in the early evening.

As a volunteer Artist Liaison/Stage Manager, you would be supporting the performers, ensuring they are in the correct place at the correct time, providing information to members of the public and reporting any issues.

Time commitment is a minimum of four hours and the role would suit those with good communication and teamwork skills. **(Ref: NY2260)**

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)**

At Home Painter
West Berkshire



If you are creative and have an eye for detail, you may be interested in a volunteer role with a charity based in Kingsclere that creates and publishes books for people who are blind or partially sighted.

The charity is looking for home-based painters to paint simple, raised, plastic tactile pictures that go in their children's books. All materials will be provided, and the time commitment is 2-4 hours per week. Volunteers must have previous experience of painting and be able to paint precisely. Project packs will be picked up from the charity's office and brought back following completion. **(Ref: NY2264)**

Awareness & Activities Volunteers
West Berkshire



A national charity dedicated to supporting people with Crohn's and Colitis is seeking volunteers to join its local team.

Volunteers will help with events to raise awareness of the conditions. 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)**

Behind-the-Scenes Stock Room Superstar

Newbury



Help raise funds for a leading health charity by volunteering for a busy charity shop based in the centre of town.

This role involves sorting out donated items and preparing them for sale, using a clothes steamer, identifying unsaleable items for recycling and keeping the sort room organised and tidy.

Whether you're a lover of vintage clothing, stunning jewellery or beautiful bric-a-brac or fancy the company of other friendly volunteers, the shop sort room is the place to be. No prior retail experience is necessary – just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Time commitment is flexible to suit your availability. **(Ref: NY2217)**

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)**

Business Advisor
Newbury



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

As a volunteer business adviser, you will act as a mentor to the young people, supporting them as they develop, sell and market their product or service. You would attend a weekly meeting (Thursday, 3:20-4:20pm) held at the Newbury school running the project. This could be an ideal role if you are able to encourage and motivate young people. **(Ref: NY1631)**

Business Advisor/Mentor
Newbury



A local organisation that supports refugees is seeking a volunteer advisor/mentor to run sessions on being self-employed. This would include advice on keeping accounts, invoicing, income tax and national insurance.

Most businesses will be centred on practical skills such as woodworking, garden maintenance, painting and decorating. Advice on building a customer base and Internet advertising would also be helpful.

Time commitment is an hour a week for six weeks plus preparation time in the autumn term. Sessions would run on Thursday mornings. The role would suit a volunteer with business experience and an interest in supporting people from different backgrounds. This is an opportunity to join a supportive team of volunteers helping displaced families make a new start. **(Ref: NY2232)**

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 the end of 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)**

Cashier Sales Assistant
Newbury



Help raise funds for a leading health charity by volunteering for a busy charity shop based in the centre of town.

In this role, you will be serving customers, using the till, talking to customers about stock and awareness campaigns and encouraging donors to become part of the Gift Aid scheme.

No prior retail experience is necessary – just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Time commitment is flexible to suit your availability. **(Ref: NY2218)**

Chair
Berkshire



The local branch of a charity that protects the countryside is seeking a volunteer chair. The role would suit a proactive communicator ideally with experience in leadership, charity governance and board management.

In this role, you will act as an advocate for campaign priorities, provide leadership to the board of trustees and oversee the future direction of the charity.

Time commitment is one meeting a month (currently a Monday morning), plus the chance to get more deeply involved and make a difference to a charity with a long history of campaigning for Berkshire's countryside. **(Ref: NY2251)**

Chair of Executive Committee
Thatcham



Can you inspire adventure? Do you have good leadership skills and enjoy motivating a team? A local Scout group is looking for a volunteer Chair of its Executive Committee. As Chair you will manage the meetings and work of the group leader to ensure the group operates in accordance with policies and procedures.

This is an ideal role for someone who does not necessarily wish to work directly with young people, but would like to help to support and develop Scouting. Experience in committees is desirable but good communication and interpersonal skills are key. Time commitment is a maximum of an hour a week and training will be provided **(Ref: NY2201)**

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

Thattham

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



A busy Thattham 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 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
Thatcham



Volunteers are required to assist in the day to day running of an animal charity shop in Thatcham.

The role would suit volunteers with experience of using a till and taking card payments – this experience is not essential though as training can be provided.

Volunteers commit to either one morning or one afternoon a week. If you love animals, love talking to customers and love seeing customers purchase a great bargain, the shop would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY2215)**

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 & Young Persons' Activities Assistant
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired runs a programme of activities for children and young people and their families.

These include cooking, visits to adventure parks or sporting activities from baseball to tandem cycling. Volunteers are needed to help with these activities.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible, with activities being primarily during school holidays or occasional weekends. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2223)**

Children's Rugby Coach
Thatcham



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

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

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

Christmas Shop Assistants
Newbury



If you have some time to spare in the run-up to Christmas, why not volunteer as a assistant with a Pangbourne charity shop that raises funds to reduce poverty and inequality?

Time commitment is 4-8 hours a week, and can be very flexible around your other commitments. The role would suit reliable volunteers who are willing to learn new skills and work as part of a team.

This is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the fundraising efforts of an international charity, whilst meeting others and learning new skills. **(Ref: NY2271)**

Christmas Till Assistants
Newbury



If you have some time to spare in the run-up to Christmas, why not volunteer as a till assistant with a Newbury charity shop that raises funds to reduce poverty and inequality?

Time commitment is 4-8 hours a week, and can be very flexible around your other commitments. The role would suit reliable volunteers who are willing to learn new skills and work as part of a team.

This is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the fundraising efforts of an international charity, whilst meeting others and learning new skills. **(Ref: NY2270)**

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)**

Client Gardener Support Volunteer
Beech Hill



A garden in the Beech Hill area of West Berkshire is used to bring about positive changes to the lives of people with a range of disabilities and health conditions.

In this role, you will develop social interaction with individuals using the garden, encouraging and supporting them with their work (sowing seeds, watering, planting out, weeding, digging, hoeing, mowing, pruning). You will demonstrate tasks and guide individuals to a greater or lesser extent depending on their needs.

The role would suit volunteers with patience and a commitment to being supportive and companionable. Time commitment is one day a week (9.45am – 3.15pm, any weekday). **(Ref: NY2267)**

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)**

Collections Driver
Newbury



A project that works to relieve hunger in the local area is looking for volunteer collections drivers. In this role, you will volunteer out in the van collecting donations to bring to the warehouse.

Collections are made from locations such as supermarkets, churches and donation centres. You will represent the organisation in public places where collections take place, speaking with the people working there to ensure they know collections have been made and when the next one is planned.

Drivers must hold a full clean licence, be over the age of 21 and able to lift 25kg. The role would suit organised and methodical volunteers with good communication skills. Time commitment is a three hour session on a weekday morning. **(Ref: NY2154)**

Collection Box Co-Ordinator

West Berkshire



A charity which provides assistance dogs to people with visual impairment is seeking a collection box co-ordinator.

The role involves placing boxes locally and then collecting the money raised. You will develop relationships with local shops, businesses and other organisations, encouraging them to host one of the boxes. There is also an opportunity to be involved in street collections and promoting the charity's work at local events. **(Ref: NY647)**

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 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 is available on Tuesday to 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



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: NY2184)**

Community Library Organiser

Newbury



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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: NY2212)**

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 Orchard Lead Co-ordinator

Thatcham



Do you have a knowledge of fruit tree and hedge maintenance? Could you corral a team of volunteers to help manage the upkeep of a community orchard based in Thatcham?

The role will involve recruiting and managing a volunteering team; planning and scheduling maintenance of trees and hedges in the orchard area and running events (particularly during harvest time) to get the community involved.

Time commitment is flexible and the project can be led by the volunteer's availability. **(Ref: NY2237)**

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)**

**Conservation
Volunteers**
West Berkshire



Fun outdoor sessions are held in West Berkshire where you have the opportunity to tackle small conservation tasks – developing your strength and stamina, teaching you practical skills and boosting your self-confidence.

It's a refreshing way to improve your wellbeing, make new friends and learn new skills.

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

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)**

County Chaplain
Berkshire



The Berkshire branch of a charity which provides first aid and health care services is seeking a County Chaplain.

In this role, you will provide a spiritual, pastoral and religious dimension to the decisions and discussions of the group's meetings, leading the opening and closing prayers. The role also involves overseeing Acts of Workshop, providing pastoral care to charity members and taking an interest in the work of the charity's units locally, including giving support to younger members.

Time commitment is approximately 15-20 days a year. The role would suit a good communicator with empathy and an ability to travel round Berkshire. Previous experience of a pastoral role with a charity would be an advantage **(Ref: NY2261)**

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)**

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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)**

Distribution Driver
Newbury



A project that works to relieve hunger in the local area is looking for volunteer distribution drivers. In this role, you will be responsible for home deliveries and as such be the main face of the organisation to its clients.

Activities will include collecting client order boxes and bags from the warehouse, ensuring they are delivered to the allocated client address and returning undelivered orders to the warehouse.

Distribution drivers volunteer for an afternoon shift starting at 12:30. Drivers must hold a full clean licence, be over the age of 21 and able to lift 25kg. Volunteers should have good communication skills with an ability to deal with clients in a sensitive and empathic manner. **(Ref: NY2200)**

Distribution Packing Volunteer
Newbury



A project that works to relieve hunger in the local area is seeking volunteers to join the distribution packing team in its warehouse.

This role involves preparing client orders, working to a specific packing list and collecting the required items from the shelves in the storeroom. Volunteers will also pack complete orders into delivery boxes, label boxes and bags, prepare fruit and veg into bags and carry packed boxes into storage or the driver collections area.

The role would suit a volunteer with good attention to detail. A shift lasts about three hours and volunteers are likely to be on their feet the whole time, moving stock and possibly lifting boxes of up to 12kg around the warehouse. Volunteering is available 9am-12:30pm on weekday mornings. **(Ref: NY2198)**

District Secretary
Thatcham



A Scouting branch that provides activities for young people in and around Thatcham is seeking a volunteer secretary to take minutes at three executive meetings a year plus an AGM. The volunteer will produce and send out an agenda following a short pre executive meeting and then produce minutes.

Meetings are held in the evening and are currently online. The role would suit a volunteer with an ability to take good, concise meeting minutes and type them up accordingly.

This is a behind the scenes role and does not require you to be working with the young people although there are roles if you are interested. **(Ref: NY2209)**

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. Visits to see children, including those with special needs, are increasing.

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
West Berkshire



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

A clean licence, sympathetic ear, and patience are all that is required. Travel expenses are reimbursed, and whatever time you can give is welcome. Volunteers are required Monday to Friday and occasional weekends. **(Ref: NY202)**

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

Thatcham



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

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

Drivers 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)**

Drivers

West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired runs a programme of social activities for its clients. The charity relies on minibus drivers and volunteers in their own cars to transport clients to these events. Volunteers will always be part of the activity taking place and a valued part of the team.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2227)**

Driver's Mate

Newbury



A charity that supports life-limited and life-threatened children and their families has a shop in Newbury. The shop is looking for a volunteer driver's mate to support their team with the delivery and collection of furniture for the shop.

No driving is required for the role. The role will involve some heavy lifting in a team of two. Time commitment is Thursday 9:00-4:00, and the role would suit a reliable and friendly volunteer who enjoys being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2262)**

Drop In Centre Volunteers

Newbury



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

Volunteers are needed to help with the preparation and serving of meals, washing up and the issuing of supplies. Volunteers should be open-minded, empathetic and have good communication skills. **(Ref: NY29)**

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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)**

Employability Mentor

West Berkshire



A charity that supports local people who are blind or visually impaired is recruiting volunteer mentors for its Employability Project.

You will be supporting an individual on their journey towards employment or training. They might be undergoing interviews, taking on new volunteering or training and be nervous about what's to come. This is a virtual role and will require phone or video calls.

The charity is looking for people have been through the process of changing their future through employment, volunteering or training. You will know how starting a new endeavour can affect your confidence and self-worth. **(Ref: NY2228)**

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. Virtual Enter & View visits are now being carried out – for these, volunteers will need to be competent with carrying out computer interviews. **(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 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 Secretary

West Berkshire



A local football league is looking for an Events Secretary to join its enthusiastic team of about ten volunteers. This role is a key position and involves providing all administration support to ensure the smooth running of the league's three major events (mini football tournaments twice a year and a Winter Futsal event).

The role involves creating fully costed and timed project plans for and facilitation of the events (finding venues, organising entrants, scheduling fixtures and checking/delivering equipment, preparing health and safety risk assessments).

Commitment time is expected to be about ten hours per month at peak. The role would suit a computer literate volunteer with project management and event experience (preferably organising a football tournament). **(Ref: NY2213)**

Event Steward

Newbury



Newbury's Christmas Light Switch On event is back on Saturday 20th November! There will be festive activities taking place throughout the day, with live entertainment and the big switch-on in the early evening.

Volunteer stewards are being recruited for the event. The role involves supporting the set-up of gazebos, signage and arts and crafts activities; managing queue lines; providing information to the public; managing road closures and supporting the closing down of the event.

Time commitment is a minimum of four hours and the role would suit those with good communication and teamwork skills. **(Ref: NY2258)**

Exercise Therapy Assistants
Thatcham



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

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

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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Face to Face Befriender
West Berkshire



Isolation has become more prevalent over the Covid period and some local people who are blind or visually impaired need support to get out and about.

In this role, you will encourage a visually impaired person to get out and socialise or to engage in face to face friendships at home. You may go for a walk, to a coffee shop or do other activities in the local area. Mileage and limited expenses are paid.

The role would suit friendly volunteers with empathy and good listening skills. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2224)**

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)**

**Farm Gardening Team
Volunteers**
Inkpen



A social enterprise in Inkpen grows a large range of plants in a poly tunnel and outside in a garden.

Gardening team volunteers are being recruited to help with tasks such as sowing seeds, propagation, planting, soil improvement, plant maintenance, grass cutting and hedge cutting. Some volunteers may also enjoy assisting with ad hoc projects such as building bird boxes or hen houses.

Suggested time commitment is one day or two half days a week, but there is flexibility. Some gardening experience would be useful but not essential, and you can volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends. **(Ref: NY920)**

**15 Steps Challenge
Survey Volunteers**
West Berkshire



Local health services are recruiting volunteers to help carry out "15 Steps" surveys. The survey was borne from a comment from a mother who said "I can tell what kind of care my daughter is going to get within 15 Steps of walking into a ward".

In this role, you will visit local services as part of a small team to give feedback on first impressions from a patient/visitor perspective.

Findings are passed on to managers enabling them to look at areas that can be improved. Visits take place once or twice a year and take about three hours. The role would suit friendly, enthusiastic and approachable volunteers with an understanding of confidentiality. **(Ref: NY2211)**

**Fruit Orchard Project
Volunteers**
West Berkshire



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

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

Fundraiser
West Berkshire



A charity that provides 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 Events Volunteer
West Berkshire



A charity that supports children with disabilities and their families is looking for volunteers to help out at their fundraising events.

The role involves attending and supporting the events, assisting with setting up, greeting and registering guests, supporting with fundraising during the event and helping with clearing down.

The role would suit positive and enthusiastic volunteers with good communication skills. The next event is taking place in Newbury on the evening of Thursday 4th November. **(Ref: NY2263)**

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 Group Member
West Berkshire



A charity that provides assistance dogs to people with visual impairment is seeking new volunteers to join its local fundraising group.

You will take part in a variety of activities to raise funds and there is also a chance to be involved with street collections and information stands at events such as fetes. The time commitment is flexible, and will be dependent on the number of events you choose to be involved with. **(Ref: NY804)**

Fundraising Group Secretary
West Berkshire



A charity that provides assistance dogs to people with visual impairment is seeking a volunteer who can be responsible for the administration of local branch activities, keeping everyone up-to-date.

The role involves ensuring clear written communication between the branch and supporters, making applications to do events and collections, writing to thank supports, maintaining branch records and supplies and taking/circulating minutes.

The role is based at home and in the local community, and would suit a volunteer with good communication and interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY2086)**

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 Trading Secretary

West Berkshire



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

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

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

Fundraising 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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Gardening & Maintenance Volunteer

Thatcham



A local charity that supports children with disabilities and their families requires help with keeping their centre neat and well maintained, particularly their garden and outdoor areas. If you love gardening, don't mind getting your hands dirty and are able to help with small maintenance tasks, they would be interested in hearing from you.

This could be a flexible volunteer role, ideally fitting around times when the centre isn't in use. The role would possibly be a weekly commitment. This opportunity would suit a volunteer with basic gardening and maintenance skills. **(Ref: NY2246)**

General Secretary

West Berkshire



A local football league is looking for a General Secretary to join its enthusiastic team of about ten volunteers. This role is a key position and involves providing all administration support to ensure the league runs smoothly.

You will be the main point of contact for all communications with the local County FA and member clubs' secretaries. Other aspects of the role are managing and recording monthly meetings, managing league details on the Whole Game FA System and working with the League Age Group Managers to set up league structure/divisions.

The role would suit a computer literate volunteer with good communication skills and an understanding of the FA's Standard Rules. Time commitment is about ten hours a month at peak. **(Ref: NY2214)**

Goods-In Volunteer

Newbury



A project that works to relieve hunger in the local area is seeking a volunteers to join the Goods In team at its warehouse. This team is responsible for sorting the stock donations and storing them ready for distribution.

The role involves assisting with bringing deliveries into the warehouse, transferring donations into warehouse crates, labelling crates, making up and labelling storage boxes and sorting of products.

The role would suit volunteers with good attention to detail. Volunteers are likely to be on their feet the whole time, moving stock and possibly lifting boxes of up to 20kg around the warehouse. Time commitment is 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday and Wednesday morning. **(Ref: NY2199)**

Grounds Assistant Volunteer

Newbury



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

The role will involve assisting with tasks such as grass cutting, strimming, line marking, rolling, maintenance of artificial nets, off season preparation duties, boundary rope placement and sight screen placement.

Tools and full training will be provided, and the role would suit a reliable cricket lover with an eye for detail. Time commitment is flexible, but could be a couple of afternoons a week, or two hours a day over 2/3 days. **(Ref: NY2269)**

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)**

Brownie, Guide and Rainbow Volunteers
Newbury



Be an inspiring role model to girls and young women in Newbury – and have fun in the process. Both leaders and helpers are needed. As unit leader, you'll run the unit, lead a team of volunteers, and plan and deliver a programme of awesome activities.

If you're enthusiastic about giving girls opportunities for fun, friendship, challenge and adventure then you'll make a perfect unit helper. You'll be key in providing the extra help needed to make unit meetings and events happen. Plus, you'll get to know the girls and other volunteers, and be part of the Girlguiding community. **(Ref: NY348)**

Guide Leaders
Thatcham



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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, camps and residential.

If you have spare time on Friday evenings, are fun natured and have a can-do attitude, they would be interested in hearing from you. **(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 and accept legal aid.

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 Person Thattham



A local organisation that helps young people bridge the gap between care and independent living has two homes in Thattham. They are seeking a volunteer to help them maintain the homes. In this role, you will carry out maintenance tasks and some DIY (for example, internal and external painting, putting up shelves, mirrors, curtain poles and blinds).

Time commitment is 6-8 hours a week, ideally during the daytime. The role would suit an organised volunteer with the skills and confidence to carry out all manner of maintenance tasks. **(Ref: NY2247)**

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 Thattham



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

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)**

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Newbury



A local charity that promotes the wellbeing of older people in the Newbury area needs more drivers to assist with the delivery of meals on wheels. There is currently a particular need on Mondays and Thursdays.

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

Meet & Greet Volunteer Newbury



In this volunteering role, you'll provide an essential part of the local library service, making visitors feel welcome from the minute they enter.

As well as meeting and greeting library users, you'll help people find their way around, promote the use of the self-service machines and assist with questions and queries.

This opportunity would suit someone who enjoys conversations and is able to liaise with people of all ages. **(Ref: NY2242)**

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 runs several different mentoring programmes supporting young people aged 11-25. They work with young people who at risk of exclusion from school, exploitation or offending, or who are not in education, employment or training.

Mentors offer one-to-one practical support such as helping devise a study timetable, identifying and applying for employment or training and accessing work experience. They also provide 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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Nature Memories Café Lead Facilitator

Thatcham



A local wildlife organisation is looking for a volunteer who can run their Nature Memories Café. This is a regular group for people living with dementia and their loved ones, with refreshments and nature-focused activities. The group will meet every two weeks for two hours.

As a volunteer, you will plan each session; carry out risk assessment; ensure there are enough volunteers; facilitate craft, memory and walking activities; support individuals to engage with the group and manage any issues that arise during the sessions.

The role would suit a friendly and patient volunteer with experience of dementia care. A regular day and time have not yet been decided but can be planned to suit volunteers. **(Ref: NY2238)**

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)**

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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 Moderator

West Berkshire



An online platform provides help and support to people in Berkshire who are experiencing mental health problems. The initiative provides a safe and anonymous environment where people can both receive support and help others.

Volunteer moderators are required, who will read and respond to posts, send virtual presents to those using the service and follow an escalation policy if posts cause concern. Full training and regular supervision will be provided. The role would suit friendly and empathetic volunteers with access to the Internet and experience of social media platforms. Time commitment is flexible to suit you, with the service running 24/7. **(Ref: NY2268)**

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)**

On Site Painter

Kingsclere



If you are creative and have an eye for detail, you may be interested in a volunteer role with a charity based in Kingsclere that creates and publishes books for people who are blind or partially sighted.

The charity is looking for volunteers for their painting studio. In this role, you will paint the simple, raised, tactile pictures that go inside children's picture books.

Time commitment is 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must have previous experience of painting, have an eye for detail and be able to paint precisely. **(Ref: NY2266)**

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)**

Outreach, Activities & Events Coordinator

Newbury



The local branch of a charity that supports people who have suffered bereavement is seeking a volunteer coordinator who will support its Chairperson. You will help liaise with key stakeholders locally, help the team identify and run fundraising initiatives, help organise guest speakers and liaise with the central fundraising team. The role also involves carrying out some administrative tasks with regard to setting up online meetings and coordinating the Chair to attend local events.

The role would suit an enthusiastic and energetic volunteer with strong interpersonal and organisational skills. Average time commitment is approximately 4-5 hours a week. **(Ref: NY2208)**

P

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)**

Practical Conservation Volunteers
West Berkshire



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

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

Project Ambassador
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.

As an ambassador for the project, there are a few ways you could get involved, from researching and recording material to helping deliver the speakers and memory sticks. Perhaps you are involved in a performing arts or musical group that could make a recording or you could use your technical or administrative experience to help organise and document the material and keep records. Volunteers are also needed to promote awareness of the project and encourage referrals.

The role would suit volunteers with good listening and interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY2216)**

Project Assistant
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)**

Receptionist
Newbury



A local day centre for the elderly is seeking a volunteer receptionist for a Friday morning (9:30am – 2:30pm approximately). You will "meet and greet" visitors, sign them in and out and ensure hand sanitising, in accordance with fire procedures and Covid guidelines.

The role also involves answering and directing telephone enquiries, taking payments both face-to-face and on the phone and other admin tasks.

The role would suit a friendly and caring volunteer who has a good sense of humour and enjoys being part of a team. Good organisational skills and an understanding of Microsoft Office are also required. **(Ref: NY2203)**

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 Thursday evening – 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)**

S

School Governor
Speen



A primary and nursery school situated in the north of Newbury is seeking a volunteer to join its board of governors. The board is responsible for the school's strategic management and will make decisions on a variety of issues. In this role, you will ensure accountability, act as a 'critical friend' to the headteacher and monitor the school's progress.

Governor meetings are held nine times a year, usually in the evenings, and occasional visits to the school during the day will also form part of this role. The role would suit an enthusiastic and inquiring volunteer with an interest in education. The school would be particularly interested in hearing from someone with building and property related skills and knowledge. **(Ref: NY1861)**

School Governors
West Berkshire



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

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

School Pastor
Burghfield



A 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 and Umpires
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
West Berkshire



A local organisation aims to get more people cycling as a form of transport. They are looking to recruit an organised and computer literate volunteer secretary.

The role involves calling meetings when required, drafting agendas before meetings, taking notes at meetings and writing up minutes. You would also maintain documentation, handle communications and contribute to magazine/online articles promoting the organisation.

Time commitment is 3-5 hours per month. Meetings tend to be fairly informal and are currently held on a Wednesday evening. **(Ref: NY2252)**

Secretary/Trustee
Newbury



A local drop-in centre provides hot food and support to people who are homeless or vulnerable. The organisation is seeking a volunteer secretary who would also join them as a trustee. The role involves administration of meetings (including minute taking), management of the administration e-mail account, acting as custodian of the organisation's governing documents, providing assistance to the Chair and being an active trustee.

The role would suit an organised and methodical volunteer with good communication skills and a working IT knowledge. Time commitment is around three hours a week with meetings usually held in the evenings. **(Ref: NY2253)**

Shop Assistant
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 display and till work.

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 Volunteer
Newbury



A charity maintains a documentary and photographic record of textiles located in the community throughout the UK. The charity is running a 'pop up' shop in Newbury selling donated items of a specialist needlecraft nature, textile books, kits, rug making items and promotional items.

Volunteers are required to assist with customer service, stock display and control, preparation of items for sale or helping in the bookshop. The charity is also interested in hearing from you if you can undertake repair and cleaning of vintage sewing machines.

The role would suit friendly and reliable volunteers who can give a few hours a week. The shop will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays, initially for a period of six months. **(Ref: NY2235)**

Social Activities Assistant
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired runs a programme of social activities for its clients.

These activities include visits to the pub, the theatre and special events. They are looking for volunteers to attend, support and guide participants and to join in the fun.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2225)**

Speaker
West Berkshire



A charity which trains dogs to assist people with visual impairment is seeking a volunteer speaker to give talks and presentations about their work.

Talks will be delivered to local organisations, but some may require more travel. The role would suit an enthusiastic volunteer who is a natural speaker with an ability to tailor a presentation to suit the audience. **(Ref: NY1551)**

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)**

T

Tactile and Audio Book Assembly
Kingsclere



A charity based in Kingsclere make books accessible to blind and partially sighted people of all ages.

The charity is looking for volunteers to carry out a range of assembly tasks in the production of their books. The role involves following a task sheet, pressing the plastic raised tactile images, cutting and punching pages for assembly into books, laminating and comb binding and completing repairs.

Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week, and training will be provided. The role would suit volunteers with an eye for detail and quality. **(Ref: NY2265)**

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)**

Tech Buddy
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired is recruiting volunteer Tech Buddies.

In this role, you will help individuals who have an issue using technology such as a smartphone, tablet or virtual assistance device. In the first instance, you will try to help remotely over the phone. Sometimes, volunteers visit people's homes – you can choose whether you do home visits or not.

Your role may involve installing apps, such as software to help with management of finances or household matters. The role would suit a patient and flexible volunteer who knows their way round devices and has experience with software and software settings. **(Ref: NY2230)**

Telephone Befriender
West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who have a visual impairment or are blind runs a telephone befriending service. The aim is to reduce the isolation that individuals may be experiencing, particularly during this challenging time.

As a telephone befriender, you will call a person with sight loss once or twice a week. The aim of the call is to provide a friendly chat, and you will ask the individual about your week. Most calls last around 30 minutes.

The role would suit good listeners with a cheerful disposition. 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)**

Therapy Gardeners
Newbury



Join the team of volunteer gardeners at a local health service provider and help provide and develop an oasis of calm for the patients.

This role involves maintaining and developing the outdoor space, safe use of garden tools, digging and planting and weed management. There may be some direct contact with patients depending on your availability and preference. If you have a good knowledge of gardening, they would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY2210)**

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)**

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)**

Toy Library Volunteer
Mortimer



A service in Mortimer gives families the opportunity to borrow a wide range of children's toys and puzzles at a very low cost.

A volunteer is required to welcome families and explain how the service works. The service operates two days a week. On Tuesdays, you would facilitate loans, collect the toys from the cupboard and complete paperwork, as well as checking returned toys are complete. The role is the same on a Saturday, but all the toys are put on display for families to browse through them.

This is a fun role helping children choose toys and chatting to families. Time commitment is two hours per month on a Tuesday or Saturday (between 9:30 and 11:30). **(Ref: NY2107)**

Traffic Marshal
Newbury



Newbury's Christmas Light Switch On event is back on Saturday 20th November! There will be festive activities taking place throughout the day, with live entertainment and the big switch-on in the early evening.

As a volunteer Traffic Marshal, you would support the set-up of road closures and signage, provide information to members of the public and manage road closures and pinch points.

Time commitment is a minimum of four hours and the role would suit those with good communication and teamwork skills. **(Ref: NY2259)**

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
Berkshire



A local charity promotes the social inclusion of people who may have been excluded as a result of their autism. The charity organises awareness events, runs support groups and offers help online.

The charity is looking to recruit new trustees who have lived experience of autism and an interest in current discussions in the autism community. They would particularly welcome applications from people with an interest in social media, fundraising and finance.

Meetings (two hours every three months) are always held online as the charity have found this to be more autism friendly for the current trustees. **(Ref: NY2249)**

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)**

Trustees
Wash Common



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

The role of the trustees is to see the management of the organisation is undertaken appropriately.

The role does not involve a heavy time commitment. Trustees attend some of the committee meetings (held on a Tuesday evening every six weeks) and spend some time outside of these meetings reading documents and financial reports. **(Ref: NY2239)**

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)**

V

Virtual Activities Assistant

West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired runs a programme of virtual events for its clients. These include quizzes, peer support sessions, singalongs, and wine tasting, with activities constantly evolving. Volunteers are needed to contribute to and support the programme.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2229)**

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

Thattham



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)**

W

Walk Leaders
West Berkshire



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

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

Warehouse Volunteer
Newbury



A local organisation provides model making activities for former and current Armed Forces and emergency services personnel. It also promotes model making hobbies as a way of improving wellbeing and mental health.

They have a warehouse and storage container for their stock of donated model kits (tanks, aircraft, ships, submarines, artillery, figures, cars and trucks and tools).

A volunteer is needed to restock the shelves which are 6ft high with cleaned complete model kits, moving models from the warehouse and storage container and back. You could also be providing administrative support to the organisation where needed and other general duties. **(Ref: NY2245)**

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)**

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)**

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Youth Activity Organisers Calcot



Youth Activity Organisers are needed in Calcot! The local Scout groups are looking for volunteers who want to support young people in the community, make friends and gain new skills at the same time.

The groups are Beavers (ages 6-8 years) and Explorers (ages 14-18 years), both on Tuesday evenings. The role involves helping to plan and run the exciting programme of activities for the children, as well as going on fun trips and outings.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2205)**

Youth Activity Organisers Theale



Volunteers with a sense of adventure are being recruited to support children and young people in Theale.

Volunteers are required for a Beaver group (ages 6-8) on a Thursday evening, Cub groups (ages 8-10) on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings and a Scout group (ages 10-14) on a Thursday evening.

This opportunity involves helping plan and run the exciting programme of activities, as well as go on fun trips and outings.

Volunteers should enjoy learning new skills and working as part of a team. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2206)**

Youth Activity Organisers Ufton Nervet



Youth Activity Organisers are needed in Ufton Nervet! The local Scout groups are looking for volunteers who want to support young people in the community, make friends and gain new skills at the same time.

The groups are Beavers on Tuesday evenings (6-8 years), Cubs on Tuesday evenings (8-10 years) and Scouts (10-14 years) on Thursday evenings. You will be assisting 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: NY2202)**

Youth Ambassador 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.

The project is wanting to hear from local youth who could contribute to the recordings. Could you make spoken word recordings? Perhaps you are musical or involved in the performing arts and could make a recording. Maybe you could act as a DJ introducing segments. Or you could use your technical skills to help others use apps such as GarageBand. Volunteers could also promote the project and encourage referrals locally. **(Ref: NY2221)**

Youth Club Leaders Tilehurst



An organisation in Tilehurst provides a safe and secure environment for young people to enjoy themselves, make new friends and develop their social skills. Volunteers are needed to help when the club hopefully reopens in September 2021. Volunteers get involved with activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, pool, table tennis, team games, discos, theme nights and karaoke.

The role would suit volunteers who enjoy engaging with young people and being part of a team.

The sessions run of Friday evenings between 19:00 and 21:30 and commitment can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Support and training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2137)**

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 Club Volunteers
Hungerford



After a year of closures due to staffing and the pandemic, plans are being made to relaunch activities sessions for young people in the Hungerford area.

Volunteers are now being recruited to assist with the youth clubs, helping to create new opportunities for young people such as cooking, sports, crafts and music. It may be you have an interest in one of these areas but there is plenty else going on that you could help with, such as running the tuck shop.

Volunteers should be friendly and reliable, have a warm smile and be approachable to all. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2244)**

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
