

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
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 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)**

Activity 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.

Timings are 4.45-6.30pm every Tuesday in Newbury and 5.15-7.15pm every other Friday in Thatcham. **(Ref: NY1835)**

Activity Volunteers
 Newbury



Volunteers aged 14+ are needed to provide support to children with additional needs while they access play activities. In this role, you will be supporting play, helping the children take part in activities such as cooking, craft activities and sensory play.

Sessions can be a couple of hours after school, Saturdays from 10am-2pm and full days in the school holidays. Induction and training are provided, and volunteers can use hours towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. **(Ref: NY2312)**

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)**

Administrator
West Berkshire



A charity which provides advocacy services for people with disabilities, mental health needs, carers and others who are vulnerable is seeking a volunteer to assist with administration.

This will involve the set-up of monthly team meetings and taking the minutes. You will be liaising with others to form meeting agendas and may also support advocates with administration.

Time commitment is 1-3 hours a week. The role is home-based with team meetings currently being online but some travel may be necessary in the future. The role would suit someone with experience of Microsoft packages and a good standard of English. **(Ref: NY2279)**

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! The local Scout 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.

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! The local Scout 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.

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.

The 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.

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.

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 2022 fundraising period runs from 27th October – 13th November, and volunteers will receive training and support. **(Ref: NY1018)**

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)**

Art Club Volunteer
Calcot



A new initiative in Calcot is looking for volunteers to help set up and run a youth Art Club that is due to launch shortly.

The club will cater for 11-14 year olds and initially volunteers are required to help formulate a programme, most likely with young people themselves. Volunteers are also needed to help run a tuck shop, deal with admissions and supervise activities.

The role would suit volunteers with good communication and team work skills, who have an ability to lead an arts activity such as painting, clay, drawing or collage.

The club is currently planned for a Tuesday evening, and volunteers would be required between 6.30-9.00pm. **(Ref: NY2314)**

Arthritis Champions
West Berkshire



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

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

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

Association Visitor
West Berkshire



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

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

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

At Home 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

Backroom Sorters
Newbury



A Newbury charity shop dedicated to fighting poverty and inequality is seeking backroom sorters.

Behind the scenes, a lot goes on to help the shop sell over one thousand pounds worth of goodies every week. In this role, you'll help sort donations, research and price goods, stock the shop floor and display items for sale.

The role would suit reliable volunteers who enjoy meeting people and perhaps have a love of fashion or homewares. **(Ref: NY2288)**

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 on Monday, Thursday and Fridays with the service open between 9am and 4pm. 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. **(Ref: NY866)**

Befriending Bus Volunteers
West Berkshire



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

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

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

Boat Trip Crew
Newbury



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

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

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)**

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/short talks to help them learn more about the building and its historical collections, selling guidebooks, answering questions and ensuring procedures are followed.

The building is open every weekend and Wednesday to Friday through the week with occasional weekend events. 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/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 Assistant
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 Wednesday to Friday through the week and every weekend with occasional evening events. Time commitment is flexible to suit you. Experience of catering would be an asset, but training can be provided. **(Ref: NY1944)**

Charity Mascot 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 wear its mascot costumes at various community events.

The loveable doggie mascot costumes entertain children (and adults!) at events taking place throughout the year such as summer fetes and family fun days. The role involves waving to children, shaking hands and interacting with children and young people, posing for photos, handing out stickers and promotional materials and taking part in bucket collections.

Events are usually on Saturdays and Sundays, and there is no expectation for you to be available for all events. The role would suit enthusiastic and friendly volunteers – your height must be between 5ft and 5ft 8. **(Ref: NY2304)**

Charity Shop Assistant
Newbury



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

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

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

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

Charity Shop Team Members
Newbury



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

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

Charity Shop Volunteer
Newbury



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

Volunteers with common sense and the ability to work as a team are needed to help with a variety of tasks including pricing, sorting and serving. They are particularly looking for till cashiers and those who are willing to cash-up at the end of the day.

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

Charity Shop Volunteer
Newbury



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

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

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

Charity Shop Volunteer
Thatcham



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

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

Charity Shop Volunteer
Hungerford



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

As well as sorting through and organising donations you will have the chance to create exciting displays or perhaps develop new areas. You could also serve customers on the till if you wanted to. The role would suit people who enjoy being part of a team. **(Ref: NY1591)**

Charity Shop Volunteer
Newbury



Volunteers are being recruited for a 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 Volunteer
Newbury



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

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: NY2281)**

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)**

Church Ambassador

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.

Volunteer Church Ambassadors are being recruited by the charity. In this role, you'll inform your local church of the charity's mission and plans. Church Ambassadors can organise local tool collections, distribute the charity's newsletter and prayer diary, ask the church to consider the charity for harvest and special offerings and arrange prayer events and coffee mornings.

The role would suit friendly and engaging volunteers who can encourage people to support the charity's cause. **(Ref: NY2319)**

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 service is the club's main function, for example through putting on fundraising 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 25, under 70 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)**

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)**

Community Ambassador

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.

Community Ambassador volunteers speak on behalf of the charity and are their public face locally. This means receiving invitations from a variety of groups who would like a talk, and also contacting organisations directly.

Talks can be from 10 to 40 minutes long, and you will not be asked to speak at a meeting you are not confident to attend. The role would suit confident speakers who can talk eloquently, clearly and passionately about the charity. **(Ref: NY2320)**

**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 Champion
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.

Community Champions volunteer within the local community, churches or community groups to promote the charity and help raise funds.

The role involves organising fundraising events (or finding people who can organise them) of all kinds including coffee mornings and quiz nights.

The role would suit passionate, energetic volunteers who can organise and get things done. **(Ref: NY2318)**

**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 Larder Volunteer

Newbury



A Newbury scheme relieves food poverty and helps families and individuals gain access to affordable food.

Volunteers are required to help at the scheme's regular sessions on Tuesdays between 1 and 4pm. In this role, you will help set the hall up for food distribution, log scheme members, ensure equitable distribution of food, complete monitoring paperwork and connect scheme members to other services.

Training will be provided, and the role would suit welcoming volunteers who can engage and support members of the public. **(Ref: NY2282)**

Community Library Organiser

Burghfield



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

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

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

Community Library Organiser

Mortimer



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Community Library Organiser

Newbury



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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 (currently volunteers are not needed in Newbury).

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)**

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 50 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 Chair

Newbury and Hungerford



The local branch of a charity that protects the countryside is seeking a volunteer district chair for Newbury and Hungerford.

In this role, you will establish, develop and provide leadership to your district committee and volunteers. The district group campaigns on issues affecting the local countryside, responds to local planning applications, influences local planning decisions and runs and attends events to increase awareness and raise money.

The role would suit a volunteer with some leadership and committee work/organisational development experience and a passion for environmental and countryside issues. The role is flexible to suit your availability, however there is a regular monthly committee meeting (currently on a Monday morning). **(Ref: NY2315)**

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)**

Dominoes Volunteers
Newbury



Be part of an incredible spectacle that will see thousands of giant dominoes winding through the streets of Newbury!

150 dominoes volunteers are needed to make the event happen, setting up sections of the route and working together to ensure the tumbling dominoes continue on their journey during the fall.

You will need to be available for a briefing session before the event (20th June 6pm-8pm or 21st June 4pm-6pm) and on the event day, the 25th June 2022, from 9am to 6pm. Volunteers must be aged 14 and over and accompanied by an adult if under 18. **(Ref: NY2136)**

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)**

Driver
West Berkshire



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

Volunteers will require their own vehicle and a clean driving license. The scheme also has access to a minibus, which can be driven with a normal licence. Volunteers are required on Wednesday and Thursdays late afternoon/evening, and should enjoy talking to children. **(Ref: NY1869)**

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)**

Elderly Day Care Volunteer

Tadley



A day centre in Tadley provides activities to older people living in North Hampshire and West Berkshire, giving their carers a break. The service caters for various needs, supporting those with dementia, Parkinson's, stroke or who are experiencing isolation.

Volunteers are needed to help with the various activities, which include bingo, quizzes, cards, crosswords and active physical games such as bean bag target and skittles. The service also serves lunch and gives opportunities for chats over coffee.

The role would suit those with good communication skills who enjoy interacting and being part of a team. The centre is open 10am-3pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Volunteers usually do a half day or a day, but there is flexibility. **(Ref: NY2307)**

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)**

Excel and Data Analysis
Kingsclere



A local charity creates and publishes books for people who are blind or partially sighted.

If you love working with Excel and are a whizz at VLookups and pivots then this role could be for you. The role is pivotal and supports production of data sets which underpin the very fabric of the charity, from understanding their membership to informing fundraising asks and reporting back to funders.

The role will involve online reporting in Excel, undertaking analysis of surveys and spotting irregularities in the data. Time commitment would be 10 hours a month, volunteering at the charity's office. **(Ref: NY2296)**

Exercise Therapy Assistants
Thattham



Many disabled people find it difficult to take as much exercise as they want – but a therapy centre in Thattham 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 building is open every weekend, Wednesday to Friday 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. 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: NY2241)**

**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)**

**Football Club Head
Treasurer**
Thatcham



A Thatcham club provides grassroots football for children and young people locally. The club is run by volunteers and relies on parents and local residents to keep running.

The club is seeking a volunteer treasurer, who would prepare yearly budget projections, review and set membership fees, track membership payments, review and pay expenses and invoices, produce yearly accounts and carry out admin using online services.

Time commitment is around 1/2 – 1 hour a week. Volunteering can be done remotely, with attendance at AGMs. The role would suit a volunteer with good accounting skills and an eye for detail. Experience of spreadsheets would be preferable; there is no need for previous experience in football. **(Ref: NY2297)**

**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)**

Fundraising Ambassador
West Berkshire



A national charity that funds research into and supports those with muscle-wasting conditions is recruiting Fundraising Ambassadors locally.

In this role, you will use your influence and contacts with small local businesses and individuals to help build networks and fundraising partnerships.

The role would suit a volunteer with good communication skills who is confident in speaking about the cause and the charity's work. Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week. **(Ref: NY2254)**

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. **(Ref: NY2263)**

Fundraising Group Coordinator
West Berkshire



A national charity that funds research into and supports those with muscle-wasting conditions is looking to build fundraising groups locally, and volunteer group coordinators are needed to get the project off the ground.

In this role, you will research areas where it might be good to start groups and find out about active community groups and opportunities for fundraising events. The research will be collated for the group being set up, and you'd then contact prospective group members to invite them to the initial meetings. Time commitment is one day a week (which can be split over days) and the role would suit organised and friendly volunteers with IT skills. **(Ref: NY2255)**

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 Member

West Berkshire



A national charity that funds research into and supports those with muscle-wasting conditions is recruiting Fundraising Group Members locally.

In this role, you will help raise vital funds and raise the profile of the charity so that more people can be helped. Fundraising events and groups are organised to suit group members' availability.

The role would suit those with good communication and organisational skills who enjoy being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2256)**

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 Public Speaker

West Berkshire



A national charity that funds research into and supports those with muscle-wasting conditions is seeking fundraising public speakers.

In this role, you will represent the charity at events and meetings – these vary from large conferences through to coffee mornings and cheque presentations. You will be confident in speaking about the cause and work of the charity, raising awareness and developing relationships with key supporters. The role would suit enthusiastic and committed volunteers. **(Ref: NY2257)**

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

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, Wednesday to Friday 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)**

G

Gardener

Hamstead Marshall



Do you enjoy gardening and being outside? Do you enjoy being part of a team as well as sometimes completing tasks on your own?

A small farm intends to open to people with learning disabilities in May/June 2022, and a volunteer is needed to help prepare it so it is safe, functional and ready to plant. The farm will cultivate, harvest and sell herbs, vegetables and flowers to the local community.

As a volunteer, you'll help with anything related to gardening, mulching, planting in the greenhouse, planting outside, preparing, and building the beds. Once open, the farm will need patient individuals who will be able to relate to those with special needs. **(Ref: NY2289)**

Gardening Assistants

Headley



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

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

Gardening & 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)**

Garden Project Volunteer
Englefield



A local not-for-profit project produces and sells fruit, vegetables and flowers. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the two-acre site. Maintenance includes pruning, preparing the soil, sowing, planting, weeding, mowing the grass and picking the crops.

A variety of tasks are available to suit all abilities and preferences. There is a chance to specialise in a particular area e.g. soft fruit or flowers or you can join in with any of the activities. All tools are provided and no qualifications are needed. The gardening sessions run on mornings except Monday and time commitment is flexible. **(Ref: NY705)**

Governor
Newbury



A local education provider offers a wide range of courses for individuals and employers locally.

The organisation is seeking volunteers to join their Board of Governors. The governing body is the highest level of decision making, having overall responsibility for the organisation's strategic health and direction. The role requires attendance at four board meetings a year, joining a sub-committee that meets three times a year, reviewing board papers and reports.

The organisation is particularly interested in hearing from volunteers with skills in the areas of safeguarding, curriculum and quality issues in education, or who are qualified accountants with strong financial experience. **(Ref NY2303)**

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)**

Group Fundraiser
West Berkshire



A group launching locally will help adults learn to read by providing informal one-to-one teaching.

The project offers a very cost effective way of teaching adults to read, but needs funds to form the group, keep it going and to cover costs such as purchasing reading course materials.

The group is looking for a volunteer who can introduce them to local businesses and grant trusts and secure funding from them. The role would suit a confident volunteer with a good awareness of what goes on locally. Volunteering can be done largely from home – there may be a need for occasional meetings. **(Ref: NY2308)**

Group Publicity Organiser
West Berkshire



A group launching locally will help adults learn to read by providing informal one-to-one teaching.

The project is looking for a volunteer who can take on the role of getting awareness of the group and their message 'out there'. Using any channel that proves effective, you'll need to be able to engage with anyone who could help, including local print media, parishes and audio media. The role would suit a natural communicator with an engaging personality who enjoys being part of a team.

Volunteering can be done largely from home – there may be a need for occasional meetings. **(Ref: NY2309)**

Group Treasurer

Newbury



A local group promotes the spoken and written language skills of people who experience aphasia as a result of brain damage, usually due to a stroke.

The group is looking for a volunteer treasurer. The role involves tasks such as keeping a record of monthly expenditure, submitting monthly accounts, preparing an annual financial report, managing the group's bank account, and ensuring invoices are paid.

Time commitment is 1-2 hours a month and the role would suit an organised volunteer with good numerical skills who can use online banking and keep accurate financial records. **(Ref: NY2280)**

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)**

Guide Leaders

Thatcham



There are currently around 70,000 girls and young women on lists waiting to join Girlguiding in the UK. Through volunteering, you can ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the chance to experience the fun and challenge of guiding.

Volunteers are being sought for groups in the Thatcham area. This is an ideal opportunity to gain experience in working with young people, or to use your existing expertise.

You will need good communication skills and an ability to relate to young people. You will be provided with good support and ongoing training opportunities. **(Ref: NY1177)**

Guide Unit Helper

Donnington



A fun natured volunteer is needed to get involved with a Newbury branch of the UK's largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women.

With the support of volunteers, members get involved with a range of fun activities and challenges, 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)**

H

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

Home Visitor

Newbury



A national charity helps ex-service men and women of every generation rebuild their lives after sight loss. The charity is recruiting volunteer home visitors, who can visit a blind veteran once a week or fortnight.

A visit could be a simple chat and a cup of tea, helping with tasks like reading mail that can otherwise be a struggle or getting out and about in the local area. You will never be asked to do any personal care and will be fully trained and supported.

The role would suit friendly and warm volunteers with good communication skills and a sense of humour. **(Ref: NY2294)**

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)**

Hub Volunteer

Thatcham



A Thatcham organisation that supports young children and their parents is seeking volunteers to help with running its sessions.

The role will enable you to get involved with supporting play sessions, giving the children a range of outdoor, creative, imaginative and creative play experiences. You will also help parents feel welcome and signpost them to other services where required.

The role would suit friendly, trustworthy, reliable and committed volunteers. No formal qualifications are required, but experience of working with families and young children would be preferred. Time commitment is a minimum of two hours a week. **(Ref: NY1545)**

I

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)**

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)**

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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 pony 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. The next training for volunteers will be held via Zoom on the 2nd February 2022. **(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)**

M

Maintenance Person
Thatcham



A local organisation that helps young people bridge the gap between care and independent living has two homes in Thatcham. 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
Thatcham



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

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

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

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 Thatcham area, with about 10-15 deliveries on each round. Ideal for caring, friendly people with a couple of hours to spare. **(Ref: NY1123)**

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)**

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)**

Newsletter Editor Shaw-cum-Donnington



A survey of Shaw-cum-Donnington residents found there is an overwhelming desire for a parish newsletter.

A volunteer (or volunteers) is required to make this happen. The role will involve finding out about local news, encouraging others to make contributions, recruiting advertisers, collecting e-mail addresses of residents who wish to receive the newsletter and collating information into an attractive format including images.

Time commitment is around four hours a week, and volunteering would be done from home. The role would suit a good communicator with good written English. You should be experienced with Publisher or similar software, and ideally will live in or near Shaw-cum-Donnington. **(Ref: NY2305)**

O

Offender Mentors West Berkshire



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

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

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

Offender Mentor West Berkshire



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

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

Office Volunteer - Fundraising

Beech Hill



A charity based in Beech Hill that supports people with disabilities is seeking an office volunteer to help its fundraising team with administration.

Tasks include handling telephone calls, preparing and amending documents in Excel or Word, helping with mail outs, supporting with merchandise and publication process and distribution, entering details on a database and proofreading documents.

Time commitment is one day a week on any weekday. The role would suit a reliable and computer-literate volunteer with good communication skills and a pleasant telephone manner. **(Ref: NY2324)**

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 Supporter

West Berkshire



A local charity is seeking volunteers who can monitor a young person's progress as they work through an online intervention designed to support their mental health.

Supporters provide personal contact and non-judgemental feedback through weekly messages. The program itself is the therapeutic treatment – your role is one of providing encouragement and support to the young person.

No clinical experience is necessary – just an interest in helping others. Full training and regular supervision will be provided, and time commitment is around two hours a week. **(Ref: NY2278)**

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)**

Outreach Volunteer

Newbury



A local conservation group has been running a campaign to increase the number of trees in the district. The project has so far planted out 2000 saplings in memorial woods to the losses of the pandemic.

The group is looking to reach more people in the community to encourage them to get involved. They are particularly interested in reaching children, young people and families.

As an outreach volunteer, you would make contact with residents and local groups (e.g. schools, youth groups), aiming to achieve wider interest in the project. Time commitment is a few hours a week and the role would suit a volunteer with good communication skills and a passion for the environment. **(Ref: NY2293)**

P

Parent Support Volunteers

West Berkshire



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

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

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

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 currently held in Pangbourne and Newbury, with plans to increase this to other areas. **(Ref: NY2151)**

Play Volunteers
Thatcham



A local charity that provides play and friendship for children with disabilities and their families is seeking volunteers to help at their sessions.

You will support children with special needs on a 1:1 basis or as a group, also helping to set up and clear away activities.

Training will be provided, and you can volunteer from age 14 upwards. Previous experience of working with children is preferable but not essential, and volunteering is available on selected days, evenings and at weekends.

The play sessions promote social and emotional wellbeing for the children who attend, and allow families to feel supported. **(Ref: NY2286)**

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)**

Press Officer
West Berkshire



A local annual event gives artists the opportunity to open their art studios to the public and exhibit their work. A volunteer Press Officer is needed to help promote the event. This will involve liaising and building relationships with the local press and media, arranging calls for artists and writing press releases.

The role would suit someone with good communication skills who has an interest in the visual arts. The ideal volunteer will also have an ability to write interesting press releases, an ability to communicate with the media and a sense of humour. There are busy periods in February to May where you would be involved perhaps two afternoons a week. Throughout the rest of the year, time commitment would be possibly two afternoons a month. **(Ref: NY2301)**

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)**

Pump Out Person
West Berkshire



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

Each of the boats have holding tanks that need to be pumped out and treated with chemicals each week, and volunteers are required on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn to do this task.

Full training is given, and this role is suited to those who don't mind getting dirty and have a "hands-on" approach. **(Ref: NY1061)**

Puppy Raiser
West Berkshire



Become a volunteer Puppy Raiser and provide a puppy with a vital foundation for its future role supporting someone with sight loss.

This is a full-time role where a puppy will live with you for 12-16 months. The role will involve following guidelines for raising, familiarising the puppy with a range of environments, teaching the puppy to be alone, attending puppy classes and taking part in monitoring/progress meetings.

Volunteers will need access to a car and not be in full-time work. **(Ref: NY2306)**

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)**

Reader Coach Coordinator
West Berkshire



A group launching locally will help adults learn to read by providing informal one-to-one teaching.

Once the group has found volunteer reading coaches and those that would like to learn to read, they need to match readers with coaches. They therefore need a well organised person who can speak to coaches and readers and pair them together. You'll also need to stay involved with the reading pair to make sure all is well and progress is being made.

The role would suit a friendly and personable volunteer who enjoys being part of a small team. Volunteering can be done largely from home – there may be a need for occasional meetings. **(Ref: NY2311)**

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)**

Referrals Networker
West Berkshire



A group launching locally will help adults learn to read by providing informal one-to-one teaching.

To be effective, they need to find those people that wish to learn to read. These people often find it difficult to come forward so they need a volunteer who can build relationships with agencies that may know of people needing support, for example job centres and doctors' surgeries.

The role would suit an empathetic volunteer; good communication skills are also very important. Volunteering can be done largely from home – there may be a need for occasional meetings. **(Ref: NY2310)**

Referee Appointment Secretary
West Berkshire



A local football league is seeking a Referee Appointment Secretary. This role involves appointing referees to the league's competitive football matches e.g. under 12s, 13s, 14s.

You would maintain a contact list of referees and their availability and allocate them to matches using an online platform. Time commitment will be an average of 6 hours a month, however at the start of the season (July/August) would be an average of 10 hours.

The role would suit a good communicator and administrator with an understanding of football culture and rules who is computer and Internet proficient. **(Ref: NY2274)**

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. Groups meet weekly in term-time and activities can include cooking, camping, community projects, games, badges and even Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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. This role requires descriptive writing that engages a young visually impaired audience from pre-school through to KS2. You would be describing all of the pictures within a book (usually around 16 pages).

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)**

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, and preparation of items for sale. 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 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

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 their 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)**

Telephone Befriender
West Berkshire



A national charity helps ex-service men and women of every generation rebuild their lives after sight loss. The charity is recruiting volunteer telephone befrienders who can provide crucial social interaction for those who are isolated or can't reach a support centre.

Whether it's a conversation about what they've been up to that week, reminiscing about their time in the military or chatting about shared interests, every call is valued.

The role can be flexible around other commitments and you will be trained and supported. The role would suit friendly and warm volunteers with good listening skills and a sense of humour. **(Ref: NY2295)**

Till Assistants
Newbury



A Newbury charity shop dedicated to fighting poverty and inequality is seeking till assistants.

Volunteers will receive training and support so that you can help the shop sell lots of goodies each week, whilst providing customers and donors with amazing service.

Time commitment is 4-8 hours a week, and the role would suit volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, meeting new people and making a difference. **(Ref: NY2287)**

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 2022. The main event is a Family Fun day on Sunday 26th June. This event features a variety of attractions such as a petting farm and fun fair, as well as local community stalls. Volunteers are needed to help set up the site, guide stallholders to their pitches and give information to visitors. There is also a packed Arts and Leisure Festival taking place in October, and the Christmas lights switch-on in December.

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)**

Tool Ambassador
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.

Tool Ambassadors are the volunteers that members of the public contact to donate tools. The role involves collecting donated tools, loading them into boxes and storing them before arranging for them to be picked up by a van. Members of the public will contact you by e-mail or phone day or evening, but when you collect is up to you.

The role would suit friendly volunteers are happy to drive round to make collections. **(Ref: NY2322)**

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)**

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
Thatcham



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

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

Trustee of the charity
Newbury



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

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

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

Trustees
West Berkshire



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

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

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)**

Trustees
Berkshire



A Berkshire charity that aims to improve health and wellbeing, reduce poverty and rural disadvantage and increase digital inclusion is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join their Board of Trustees. They are particularly interested in hearing from those with a finance or HR background, or someone interested in poverty issues or who loves networking and meeting new people.

Time commitment would be a minimum of 2-3 hours a month. Board meetings are held every quarter and a strategy away day once a year. The role would suit individuals with the ability to think creatively and to challenge and question ideas. **(Ref: NY2272)**

Trustees and Directors
Greenham



A charity that runs a visitor centre dedicated to Greenham's history is seeking new trustees and directors to strengthen their existing team. They encourage applicants with all experiences, but are particularly looking for volunteers who could aid engagement with younger audiences, finance, fundraising, museum operations and volunteers/HR.

The role requires attendance at one evening meeting a month (6:30-8:00pm) and some hours in between meetings to act on decisions. As the charity continues to grow, it is important that directors and trustees are adaptable and able to inspire other volunteers. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers who can bring ideas, energy and action to the role. **(Ref: NY2299)**

**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**
Thatnam



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
Thatnam



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)**

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)**

Y

Young Carers Mentor

West Berkshire



A West Berkshire scheme provides support to young carers, and volunteers are being recruited to act as mentors.

Mentoring and befriending is a one-to-one, non-judgemental relationship where you support and encourage a young person who has caring responsibilities. You will meet with the young person on a weekly basis, helping them to identify goals to work towards, as well as signposting them to other support services.

Time commitment is three hours per week (1-2 hours face to face and a further hour completing, for example, notes from the session). The role would suit a volunteer with empathy and an ability to listen actively, as well as a respect for young people. **(Ref: NY1887)**

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 on 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
Thattham



A youth club for 11-14+ year olds runs on Monday evenings in Thattham, 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
Thattham



A youth club for 7-11 year olds runs on Friday evenings in Thattham, 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



Activities sessions for young people in the Hungerford area were recently relaunched following a year of closures due to the pandemic.

Volunteers are now being recruited to assist with the youth clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 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 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)**

Youth Worker Volunteer
Calcot



A new initiative in Calcot is looking for volunteers to help set up and run a Youth Club that is due to launch shortly.

The club will cater for 11-14 year olds and initially volunteers are required to help formulate a programme, most likely with young people themselves. Volunteers are also needed to help run a tuck shop, deal with admissions and supervise activities.

The role would suit volunteers with good communication and team work skills. An ability to organise activities such as art, crafts, dance, music or cooking would be an advantage. The club is currently planned for a Thursday evening, and volunteers would be required between 6.30-9.00pm. **(Ref: NY2313)**

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
