

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 300 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 Thatcham



Are you passionate about supporting young people and making a positive impact in the community? An organisation that runs youth activities in Thatcham is looking for volunteers to help with activities.

They recognise that not everyone can commit to a weekly volunteer role, so they offer opportunities for ad hoc volunteering. Whether you're available to help at their monthly Roller Discos, free school holiday activities, or contribute your skills to administrative tasks, event management, or fundraising, there's a place for you! **(Ref: NY2570)**

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 imaginative play, sensory play, soft play, outdoor play, arts and crafts, games, cooking and outdoor play.

Sessions can be a couple of hours after school, Saturdays from 10am-2pm or a 6 hour day or longer in school holidays. Induction and training are provided, and volunteers can use hours towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. **(Ref: NY2312)**

Additional Services Coordinator West Berkshire



A local charity provides essential support for those with a short-term food need. Alongside providing emergency food parcels, the charity runs additional support services such as holiday clubs, cookery and budgeting courses and sessions with trained experts such as debt advisors.

In this role, you will be responsible for the successful running of sessions, be prepared to lead activities and facilitate discussion and create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. This opportunity also involves finding suitable venues to run sessions in and taking responsibility for logistics and record keeping.

Time commitment is around three hours a week (flexible times and days) and volunteering can be from home or the charity's warehouse. The role would suit an empathetic and organised volunteer who enjoys being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2452)**

Admin Assistant West Berkshire



A Community Interest Company was set up to build inclusion and representation specifically for children, young people, families and other organisations connected by illness and disability. They have developed characters all of whom represent different illnesses and disabilities.

They are looking for someone to help with their admin. Whether you can give a few hours a month or a few hours a week, your help would be appreciated. The role is home-based and would suit someone who enjoys being organised and ticking items off a to-do list. **(Ref: NY2601)**

Administrator/Secretary West Berkshire



The local branch of a charity which provides reading coaching for adults is looking to recruit a volunteer administrator/secretary. This volunteer opportunity involves arranging team meetings and distributing agendas, taking minutes at meetings, recording actions and distributing details of these, submitting coach and reader finisher question responses to the main organisation and supporting with printing and copying when required.

Time commitment is around 2-3 hours a week and this would suit an organised individual with good communication and people skills, and reasonable confidence in IT. Meetings tend to be on weekday evenings in Marsh Benham. **(Ref: NY2362)**

Administrator (website, database, policy, documentation)

Newbury



A Newbury charity offers support to out-of-work managers and professionals, especially older and more experienced workers. This opportunity is to provide administrative support to update the charity's website and maintain it, manage the database of jobseekers and volunteers and work with volunteers to maintain policy and other documentation.

You may wish to combine this role with becoming a mentor for jobseekers. The organisation is hoping for a volunteer with current technical experience who could update the website to provide greater visual appeal. The role would suit someone with a broad base of IT skills (website design, database and document management) and strong administrative skills who has regular time availability. The role can be handled remotely, with occasional meetings usually in Newbury. **(Ref: NY2590)**

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)**

Advisor

Tadley



An organisation based in Tadley provides free, confidential and independent advice to help people overcome their problems.

Generalist advisors are sought in order to undergo the thorough training programme with a view to volunteering two half days per week.

The role would suit volunteers with non-judgemental communication skills, an interest in people and a willingness to learn. **(Ref: NY2354)**

Advocacy Coach

Newbury



An advocacy charity which supports disadvantaged and marginalised people is seeking volunteer advocacy coaches in West Berkshire. The role involves supporting clients to develop the confidence to self-advocate for a one-off event or as part of their personal progression. You will help with co-delivering self-advocacy workshops, support peer advocacy groups and provide 1:1 advocacy coaching to clients. By volunteering, you'll help ensure clients have greater choice and control over their lives.

Time commitment is 3-6 hours a week (within the hours of Monday to Friday, 9-5pm). The role would suit someone with a positive attitude towards vulnerable clients who is confident in communicating information. Experience of delivering training or workshops is desirable. The role will take place in a variety of settings locally. **(Ref: NY2591)**

After School Club Support Assistant

Thattham



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

The role involves helping engage the children in fun-filled play opportunities, supporting before, during and after the session. Volunteers will help children within groups or one-to-one. Other duties include cleaning and tidying and setting areas up.

This opportunity is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term-time, 15:30 to 17:30. This role would suit reliable, patient and non-judgemental volunteers who are willing to learn skills. You can volunteer for this role from age 14. **(Ref: NY2490)**

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 during the fundraising period in the autumn. 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.

Volunteers will receive training and support. **(Ref: NY1018)**

Art Hub and Ancillary Café Volunteer

Newbury



A local charity which advances education and appreciation of the arts is looking for volunteers to help in its small café in Newbury. This will involve chatting to patrons, serving drinks (after training on the barista machine) and cake, clearing tables, washing up and helping ensure the smooth running of the café. You would take payments for café sales and potentially art sales. There are also opportunities to help with exhibitions and events.

The café is currently open Thursday through to Sunday and they normally work on a four-hour shift (9:30-13:30 and 12:30-16:30). The role would suit good communicators with a sense of humour who enjoy working in a team. **(Ref: NY2476)**

Assembler of tactile books for blind children

Kingsclere



A charity based in Kingsclere makes books accessible to blind and partially sighted children.

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

Production room sessions are approximately 3 hours, during Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm at the charity's office in Kingsclere. The role would suit volunteers with an eye for detail and quality, and training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2265)**

Assistant for conversation classes/creche assistant for toddlers

Newbury



Come and join the chat with refugee parents (and their pre-school children) who are new to Newbury and help them understand life in the UK. The parents have a range of English from complete beginners to improvers. The classes are conversation only (there is no syllabus or exams). A lesson book is available but you can be creative and pick up on a learner's interests on the day. Volunteers are also needed to run the creche at the sessions.

Sessions are one and half hours long on Monday mornings and held in Newbury. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers with an interest in other cultures and backgrounds. **(Ref: NY2575)**

Assistant Section Leader - Beavers

Hungerford



A Beaver group in Hungerford gives children aged 6-8 the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. The group is looking to recruit an Assistant Section Leader to help run the sessions, assist with preparing and delivering activities, and planning an exciting programme for the term. Sessions contain a mixture of games and themed activities, indoors and out. There is also the opportunity to be part of camps and other off-site events.

Time commitment is Tuesdays, 6:00-7:15pm (term time only) with occasional special events at weekends and during school holidays. Volunteers need to be ready to engage and encourage young people. You don't need to be an expert in everything, just ready to learn alongside them. **(Ref: NY2441)**

Assistant Section Leader - Cubs

Hungerford



A Cub group in Hungerford gives children aged 8-10.5 the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. The group is looking to recruit an Assistant Section Leader to help run the sessions, assist with preparing and delivering activities, and planning an exciting programme for the term. Sessions contain a mixture of games and themed activities, indoors and out. There is also the opportunity to be part of camps and other off-site events.

Time commitment is Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm (term time only) with occasional special events at weekends and during school holidays. Volunteers need to be ready to engage and encourage young people. You don't need to be an expert in everything, just ready to learn alongside them. **(Ref: NY2595)**

Assistant Shop Manager Newbury



A free pre-loved school uniform service is looking for a volunteer assistant manager for its Newbury shop. The role involves opening the shop (arriving 15 minutes prior), greeting customers, assisting with finding required sizes, sorting and tagging donations, folding and bagging items making a note of what has been taken, encouraging cash or card donations, processing card payments and totalling/closing up at the end of the day.

The role would suit friendly volunteers with good communication and customer service skills, and the ability to manage a busy environment. Time commitment is four hours a month outside school holidays. During holidays, it would be up to you how many hours you do but a minimum of one shift weekly. Shifts are flexible but a minimum of three hours. The role would initially be on Saturdays or occasional Thursday afternoons. **(Ref: NY2557)**

Association Visitor West Berkshire



Make a real difference to the lives of people living with Motor Neurone Disease by volunteering as a visitor for the local branch of an MND charity. In this role, you will offer emotional support to people living with MND and their families, provide information and help people access services/support.

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

At Home Library Service West Berkshire



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

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

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

At Home Tactile Picture Painter for books for blind children

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 3+ hours per week.

Volunteers need to be able to paint precisely. Project packs will be picked up from the charity's office and brought back following completion (office hours are 9:00-4:00, Monday-Thursday). **(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)**

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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)**

Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders

Newbury



A Newbury Scout group is looking for volunteers to join its dedicated team of leaders running Beaver, Cub or Scout activities. Activities are varied, so don't feel you need to be an expert at tying knots or camping! All the group asks for is enthusiasm, enjoyment and a willingness to get involved. No previous experience is required.

Mostly, you will learn by doing and by watching others. There is a small amount of statutory training which can be completed online. Ideally, you would commit to the weekly meetings for the group that you are interested in (Beavers is on Wednesday evening, Cubs on Thursday evening and Scouts on Wednesday evening), but there can be some flexibility. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy being part of a team. **(Ref: NY2544)**

Beaver Leader

Newbury



A Beaver Scout Colony which meets in Newbury on Tuesday evenings (6:15-7:30pm) during term time is looking for volunteers to help with running the group. The role involves assisting with managing and leading the group, and planning the delivery of the programme. You will help ensure that safe, exciting and stimulating activities are provided for the 6-8 year olds attending. You'll also actively support and promote the achievement of badges, and ensure every young person in the group has the opportunity to attend at least one nights away experience each year.

The role would suit someone who enjoys being part of a team as well as having a laugh. Training will be provided. As well as the weekly sessions, there are two or three leaders meetings a year and a group outing or camp once a year. **(Ref: NY2432)**

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. Volunteers are required across the area, but there is currently a particular need in Tilehurst. It is also possible for volunteers to do telephone befriending. **(Ref: NY78)**

Befriender

West Berkshire



A national children's charity provides an online service which empowers young people to tackle loneliness. Volunteers who can make a difference to children's lives by supporting them with their feelings of loneliness are being recruited. As a volunteer befriender, you will explore with a young person their strengths and vulnerabilities, current sources of support, resilience and goals, and steps they can take to help overcome feelings of loneliness.

You will be matched with a young person and support them online through a text-based messaging service. Once taken through training, time commitment is two hours per week anytime between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of a year. The role would suit empathetic volunteers with good communication and IT skills, who are confident volunteering from home whilst being supported remotely. **(Ref: NY2547)**

Befriender 'In Home'

Tadley



A charity supports people with learning disabilities and autism, who may also have sight loss, to realise their goals each and every day.

As an 'In Home' befriender, you will play an important role by providing companionship to someone the charity supports, visiting them in the home in Tadley and doing activities they enjoy. These might include chatting over a cup of tea, reading books and playing board games.

Opportunities are available supporting both children/young people and adults. Timings are flexible according to your availability, however a regular commitment would be appreciated, even if only once a fortnight. The role would suit friendly volunteers who love to chat. **(Ref: NY2382)**

Befriender 'Out and About'

Tadley



A charity supports people with learning disabilities and autism, who may also have sight loss, to realise their goals each and every day.

As an 'Out and About' befriender, you will play an important role in the lives of the people the charity supports, by being a reliable companion to attend activities they enjoy taking part in. This might include going for a walk, attending a concert, going to the cinema or going out for a coffee or meal.

Opportunities are available supporting both children/young people and adults. Timings are flexible according to your availability, however a regular commitment would be appreciated, even if only once a fortnight. The role would suit friendly volunteers who love to chat. **(Ref: NY2383)**

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)**

Bicycle Counter

West Berkshire



A local organisation aims to get more people cycling as a form of transport. Three times a year, in February, June and October, they carry out a cycle count on behalf of the council.

A counter commits to one, but preferably two hours per count site. You can count more than one site if you wish to, as counts can be performed on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You will be provided with detailed instructions and a map of the site you are counting. In February and October the counting time is between 7:30 and 9:30am. In June it is between 7:30 and 9:00am. The count involves marking down each cyclist that passes through a specified area, and details such as the direction they are going and if they are wearing a helmet.

There are 17 count sites, with locations in Newbury, Thatcham, Theale, Hungerford, Calcot, Tilehurst and Purley. **(Ref: NY2470)**

Boat Crew

Newbury



If you would like to spend some time on the local canal, then this is the opportunity for you! Volunteers who love being outdoors and meeting people are needed to crew boat trips for the public that run from the Newbury Wharf on Thursdays and at weekends during the season, as well as themed trips and private charters at other times.

All crew receive training, and help make trips as enjoyable and safe as possible. There are opportunities to undertake roles such as helming the boat, skippering trips and helping with engineering and maintenance. Volunteers with no, little or a lot of experience of the canal and boats are welcome. **(Ref: NY1287)**

Bowdown Volunteer Group Members

West Berkshire



A volunteer group meets to carry out a range of practical tasks to maintain and enhance the habitats of Bowdown Woods. The group meets on the first Sunday of each month between September and April.

Tasks include scrub cutting, coppicing, ride cutting and raking and a variety of other conservation and infrastructure tasks. No experience is necessary as full training will be given – you just need to bring your enthusiasm for an enjoyable day of volunteering outdoors. **(Ref: NY2536)**

Branch Chair

Calcot



The local branch of an MND charity is looking for a Branch Chair, to be responsible for the different activities being undertaken by branch volunteers, and to give a sense of continuity to their work. This role involves planning, preparing and facilitating committee meetings; ensuring appropriate decisions are made; supporting branch volunteers in planning and coordinating activities; ensuring volunteers are aware of procedures; helping with volunteer recruitment and induction and acting as an ambassador for the charity.

Meetings are held on a Thursday evening every other month in Calcot. Volunteering will involve approximately 2-3 hours a week. The role would suit someone with leadership, facilitation and communication skills who has experience of running meetings. **(Ref: NY2499)**

**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)**

Buddy Lead Volunteer
West Berkshire



A leading cancer charity runs buddy services in the Newbury area, whereby volunteers provide practical and emotional support to those affected by cancer. The charity is looking to recruit a Buddy Lead, who will support this team of other volunteers.

This is a varied role but you might be involved with leading initial home visits and risk assessments for buddying, inputting information on the data system, matching service users with volunteers, checking in with service users and volunteers following the initial visit, acting as a point of contact and offering group support sessions, attending meetings to share good practice and having regular calls and meetings with a Volunteering Services Delivery Lead.

Time commitment is flexible, but expected to be 6-8 hours a week. This would suit a patient, flexible and reliable volunteer who is a good communicator, has good IT skills and the ability to travel locally. **(Ref: NY2468)**

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)**

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**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 10-1pm or 1-4pm Saturday or Sunday.

The role would suit volunteers who enjoy communicating with people of all ages and can demonstrate good customer service. You need to remain calm at busy times but cope when things are quieter. **(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)**

Camera Club Volunteers

Newbury



A local project which runs wellbeing activities for, and aims to combat loneliness of older adults, is launching a camera club, running on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00. Volunteers who are passionate camera enthusiasts are being recruited to attend the weekly sessions in Newbury and help establish a regular group presence.

As a volunteer, you will collaborate with the club members to foster a supportive and creative community, with the club receiving monthly visits by a professional photographer. The role would suit those with a willingness to share their knowledge with fellow enthusiasts, and a warm and friendly personality. The club is keen to recruit some male volunteers – the project is aiming to attract men to the group who they have found harder to engage with. **(Ref: NY2497)**

Carpentry Workshop Supervisor

Newbury



A Newbury based organisation that works with older people is looking for volunteer Carpentry Workshop Supervisors.

The role will involve joining a team of other volunteers running and developing the workshop sessions. You will help supervise small groups of mainly older men with different abilities focusing on woodworking projects (recently the groups have been building barn owl boxes).

Time commitment is two hours from 10am until midday once or twice a week on weekdays (there is flexibility on which days). The role would suit a competent wood worker with experience, who enjoys being part of a team and has an empathy for older people. **(Ref: NY2342)**

Cat Foster Carer

West Berkshire



The local branch of an animal charity is looking for cat-loving volunteers to become volunteer foster carers. Could you help play a vital role in improving the wellbeing of the cats in their care whilst they wait to be rehomed?

As a fosterer, you would be providing cats with the safety of your home whilst tending to their welfare needs such as feeding, grooming, playing and transporting them to veterinary appointments when required.

Volunteers will need some experience caring for cats; fostering experience is beneficial but not essential as training is provided. For their wellbeing, cats need to be kept in a separate room. **(Ref: NY2434)**

Centre Volunteer

Newbury



A charity maintains a documentary and photographic record of textiles located throughout the UK. At its centre in Newbury, they have a textile collection, library and mural, and host exhibitions and workshops throughout the year relating to all aspects of needlework.

The centre is looking for a reliable and enthusiastic volunteer to join its small friendly team on Thursdays (am and pm). The role will involve helping with some administration tasks, welcoming visitors, helping prepare items for sale including sorting and measuring fabrics and serving customers in the café. **(Ref: NY2339)**

Chair of Governors

East End



A rural primary school, five miles from Newbury, is looking to recruit a new governor who would be willing to take on the role of Chair from September 2024. They require someone who can build on the board's recent successes, continue to develop an effective team and help shape its strategic direction.

The board meets 6 times a year (usually in the early evening) and governors may also be asked to join a sub-committee. Governors are encouraged to visit the school for monitoring or to support events such as worships. The role would suit a good communicator and team player, who can ask challenging questions of leadership. They would welcome someone with experience of school governance, ideally as a chair/vice-chair, but the role could suit someone with professional experience of the education sector, or who has had a similar role elsewhere. Finance experience would be welcome, but not essential. **(Ref: NY2545)**

Chapel Guide

Burghclere



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

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

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 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



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 crafting, cooking, visits to adventure parks or sporting activities. Please note that many of the activities for young people take place during the school holidays.

The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2223)**

**Children's Play and
Support Volunteer**
Newbury



A local charity is recruiting volunteers to help children with learning disabilities explore their world; this could be through play or developing and practising new life skills. The charity has a purpose-built centre with sensory room, soft play, art and music room, large hall, kitchen and playground.

Activities take place at an after-school club every weekday afternoon, Friday afternoons, Saturdays and a dance club on Thursday after school.

They are flexible on volunteers focusing on group or individual play with a varied age range or progressing to supporting children with complex medical needs (full training is given). The role would suit enthusiastic, fun, reliable and creative volunteers committed to helping children with learning, physical and complex medical needs. **(Ref: NY2581)**

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. Volunteers are needed to help carry out light cleaning of the boats between holiday hires. It is a good social occasion, with a break for coffee and lardy cake!

Cleaning takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings in Great Bedwyn, and there is an online rostering system to sign up as and when you are available – you don't need to commit to every week. No experience is needed as on the job training will be given. **(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 (on a weekday, 9.45am – 3.15pm). **(Ref: NY2267)**

Climate and Nature Supporter
West Berkshire



A West Berkshire organisation helps local eco groups share knowledge, ideas and best practice. They have recently developed a Climate and Nature stall, to signpost people to information about low impact, affordable and healthy food, travel, home energy and more. If this is something you have any interest or experience in, they would love to hear from you. The organisation also continues to develop ways to share information about climate- and nature-friendly choices – is this something you could help with?

Time commitment is very flexible. The role would suit those with an interest in the environment, and confidence in talking to people at events. **(Ref: NY2632)**

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)**

Club Volunteers/Members
Newbury



The local branch of a worldwide organisation that believes that friendship is the basis on which lasting change can be made is seeking new members. You will help develop the way in which support is provided to the local community, using your existing skills whilst developing new ones.

The local group supports local community and fundraising events, provides youth enrichment activities, organises days out for children with disabilities and the elderly and takes part in practical activities to preserve our local environment. The group also meets regularly to enjoy social activities.

Time commitment is flexible; there are no firm time commitments although it is important to attend the regular monthly meetings. **(Ref: NY2380)**

Club Welfare Officer and Accreditation Coordinator
Newbury



A Newbury football club is committed to creating a positive environment for children to play the best football they can. They are looking to recruit a Club Welfare Officer and Accreditation Coordinator to join their team of dedicated volunteers. In this role, you'll have responsibility for managing and reporting any concerns about children and young people, and for putting safeguarding procedures in place.

The role involves ensuring all adult volunteers receive safeguarding training and DBS checks. You will volunteer alongside a second Welfare Officer. Time commitment is around 1-2 hours per week. Ideally you will be able to attend one of the club's main grounds on some Sunday mornings during the season. The role would suit someone with administration, computer, communication/social media and advice skills. **(Ref: NY2574)**

Code Club Volunteer
Newbury



Code Club is a national initiative to help introduce children to computer programming. A club is run by the library service in Newbury and they are looking for a volunteer who can share their knowledge of coding and computing with young people at these free sessions.

You will help with coding with Scratch, providing support and guidance to the 9-11 year olds attending. The role involves helping them work through the weekly projects and find solutions to coding problems.

The role would suit someone who is competent in IT and enthusiastic about coding, and has good interpersonal skills. Sessions take place on a Thursday, 4-5pm. There is also an opportunity to help with further activities and events outside these hours occasionally. **(Ref: NY2606)**

Cook
Newbury



A local charity is looking for a volunteer cook for alternate Wednesdays (most of the day but finishing for 4pm) to come into their Newbury-based kitchen and prepare meals for their clients experiencing homelessness or who are vulnerably housed.

The role will involve cooking a soup, hot meal and sometimes a pudding and may include a bit of baking. Each week is different; they work with donated food and like to use as much of that as possible. The role would suit someone who is happy to volunteer in the kitchen alone or alongside another person. The volunteer should be confident with home cooking and making substantial nutritious meals such as casseroles, rice dishes, mild curries, vegetable soups, crumbles and sponges. Food Hygiene Level 2 training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2653)**

Collections Manager, Supermarkets
West Berkshire



A local charity provides essential support for those with a short-term food need. This volunteer role involves building relationships with supermarkets to raise awareness of the charity's work and encourage them to support it.

A number of relationships already exist, so a key element of the role is to maintain these links, as well as build new ones. Activities will include planning a calendar of campaigns, producing e-mails and presentations for supermarkets, visiting stores, ensuring stores are given promotional material, ensuring social media covers supermarket involvement and acting as a point of contact.

The role would suit an organised team player with strong communication skills. **(Ref: NY2604)**

Collection Tin Coordinator
West Berkshire



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

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

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

Collection 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 Member
Donnington



A Newbury pre-school is seeking new volunteers to join its committee. The committee holds regular meetings every 6-8 weeks (generally on an evening during the week) in which they discuss fundraising, accounts, staffing salaries when needed and any requests from the manager such as new equipment, staffing or admin support.

Experience in admin, HR, finance, charities or events would be great but not essential. The pre-school are currently looking for a new treasurer but general members of the committee are welcome. Time commitment is 1-5 hours a week, depending on any events being run. **(Ref: NY2408)**

Committee Secretary
Hungerford



A Hungerford based organisation promotes nutritional, sustainable and affordable food and cooking. It also encourages food waste reduction, and holds monthly food and artisan markets.

The organisation is looking for a Committee Secretary. This role involves taking minutes at the monthly meetings, liaising with stakeholders, helping apply for grant funding and maintaining an online accounts/passwords database. Fixed monthly committee meetings are planned for 2025, probably on the first Monday of the month. The role would suit a volunteer with IT competence, good communication skills and an interest in food and cooking. **(Ref: NY2648)**

Comms and Content Creator Assistant
Hungerford



A Hungerford based organisation promotes nutritional, sustainable and affordable food and cooking. It also encourages food waste reduction, and holds monthly food and artisan markets.

They are looking for a volunteer who can help promote their activities on social media, and create press releases and visual/video content in collaboration with the committee.

Time commitment is two days a month. The role would suit someone with an interest and knowledge in social media, content creation, food and sustainability, poster design and video production (training is available). **(Ref: NY2646)**

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 Ambassador
West Berkshire



A local charity which provides essential support for those with a short-term food need is looking for Community Ambassador volunteers. The role involves educating your local community about the issue of food poverty and what the charity does, attending events to promote the charity and organising your own events, finding other charities to work alongside who could provide extra support, supporting national campaigns and volunteering at supermarket collections.

The role would suit friendly and positive volunteers who are active in the local community and comfortable speaking to groups of people. Times and days are flexible. **(Ref: NY2454)**

Community Builder
Newbury



A national charity that works with expectant and new parents is looking to recruit a Community Builder Volunteer. You will engage with parents in the Newbury area to understand where support is needed. You will build a team of community volunteers who offer welcoming and inclusive events and activities that help parents feel confident, connected and safe.

The role involves talking to people in the local community to understand what parents need, building a strong and inclusive community of parents, promoting events and using social media to engage local parents.

The role would suit someone with leadership, decision-making, goal setting and basic IT skills. This is a flexible role; time commitment is up to three hours a week. **(Ref: NY2371)**

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. Roles available include baristas, food preparation, serving and setting/packing up; ideally volunteers will be prepared to get involved with a number of different tasks.

Volunteers are needed on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and training will be provided. This is 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 a range of activities in the local community? The charity aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of cancer patients.

The role will involve activities such as meeting with people and businesses, public speaking, accepting cheques, banking income, distributing publicity materials, helping with collection boxes and running stands at community events. The role would suit volunteers with good communication and organisational skills. **(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 Connections Volunteer
West Berkshire



A charity that provides end-of-life care and helps people manage grief is seeking volunteers who can help them build connections within the local community. You'll deliver talks about the work they do to groups and businesses, and reach out to marginalised groups that might usually be less likely to access their support. The role also involves hosting stalls at community events promoting the charity's services and helping shape people's understanding of end-of-life and bereavement care.

Time commitment is around three hours a week and the role would suit reliable and warm volunteers with speaking skills, who are able to relate well to others. **(Ref: NY2662)**

Community Engagement
West Berkshire



A local organisation champions the views of those using health and social care across the district, helping make sure people's needs are met. Community Engagement Volunteers are being recruited to help get more people talking about their experiences of health and care services.

This role involves planning engagement activities with other members of the team, holding engagement and information stands (for example, at GP surgeries, libraries and hospitals), talking and gathering the views of local people and conducting surveys and consultations.

The role would suit volunteering who enjoy talking to others and have an ability to travel across the district. Time commitment is two hours per week, although are flexible and will vary. **(Ref: NY2435)**

Community Engagement Officer
Thatcham



A new community radio service for Thatcham is looking to recruit a volunteer Community Engagement Officer.

This role involves building relationships with leaders and members of community organisations (for example official/government, clubs, charities and sports teams), maintaining a database of them and handling their enquiries. You would also maintain an online events diary, post details of events on social media and attend events where community organisations will be present.

Time commitment is 2 to 8 hours a week, depending on your availability. The role would a people person who is computer literate and has good communication skills. **(Ref: NY2524)**

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 Volunteers

West Berkshire



A local organisation provides a range of services to help keep communities safe, including house visits to help reduce the risk of home fires.

Community Engagement Volunteers are being recruited to help support promoting the home visit service, cascade fire safety messages at events, contact organisations to raise awareness of services and deliver leaflets to residents and community groups.

The role would suit good communicators who are confident in speaking to people in a variety of settings. There is no particular time commitment for this role and it is flexible, with events taking place during the week and at weekends. **(Ref: NY2431)**

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 Governor

Newbury



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

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

They are particularly interested in applicants who have experience of working in a secondary school and are specifically looking for someone with finance or budget management/monitoring experience. Meetings are held 2 or 3 times a term, in the main on Tuesdays, early evening. You will also need to be able to visit education units for 1 to 2 hours once or twice a term. **(Ref NY2077)**

Community Larder Volunteer

Newbury



A Newbury scheme relieves food poverty and helps families and individuals gain access to affordable food. The service is looking for volunteers to help support the service on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am.

This role involves setting up the service ready for when it opens for visitors at 2pm. Set up will include laying out the tables, receiving the food delivery, communicating with other volunteers and putting the food in designated spaces, helping get stock from the pantry and tidying so everything is presentable and accessible. The role would suit volunteers able to read English with a relatively good level of mobility to lift boxes and load tables with food. **(Ref: NY2611)**

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 involve 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
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**Community Library
Volunteer**
Newbury



Would you like to volunteer in a library? Community Library Volunteers help ensure the service remains operational, stock is the correct order and is easily accessible while providing impeccable customer service.

Tasks include offering a friendly welcome to visitors, assisting library users with the use of self-service equipment, shelving items, keeping the library tidy and helping users access books and stock.

Shifts are one or two hours per week. The role would suit a good team player who enjoys communicating with people of all ages and can shelve items correctly. IT skills and an interest in reading are desirable. **(Ref: NY1844)**

**Community Library
Volunteer**
Theale



Would you like to volunteer in a library? Community Library Volunteers help ensure the service remains operational, stock is the correct order and is easily accessible while providing impeccable customer service.

Tasks include offering a friendly welcome to visitors, assisting library users with the use of self-service equipment, shelving items, keeping the library tidy and helping users access books and stock.

The role would suit a good team player who enjoys communicating with people of all ages and can shelve items correctly. IT skills and an interest in reading are desirable. This opportunity takes place on a Saturday morning. **(Ref: NY2612)**

**Community Safety
Champions**
West Berkshire



A local organisation provides a range of services to help keep communities safe. To support this work, they are looking for enthusiastic and confident volunteers to help raise awareness of road and water safety.

In this role, you'll present safety information in schools and at community groups, and promote safety messages at events. Activity will mostly take place during the week with some weekend events. Volunteers will be confident in using presentation packages and speaking to small and large groups of people. **(Ref: NY2397)**

Community Volunteer
Newbury



A national charity that works with expectant and new parents is recruiting volunteers to help organise events or parent support activities in the Newbury area. Activities could include coffee mornings and Walk and Talks, where parents, carers and grandparents can meet and chat. Or you could help set up groups or activities specially for dads for example, or mums to be.

This is a role where you can make a real difference to parents in your community. The role would suit volunteers who are good at being part of a team, motivating others and decision making. The role is completely flexible and time commitment will vary but is about two hours a week on average. **(Ref: NY2372)**

**Companion – shopping
and coffee**
Cold Ash



A local charity supports adults with a physical disability to become more active and independent. They are looking for a volunteer to accompany one of their female members on shopping trips to the supermarket, who would also enjoy going to the coffee shop with her afterwards. As an elderly stroke survivor, she now uses a walker.

The ideal volunteer will be somebody who enjoys chatting with a friend. You would need to be a driver and have use of a car. The member lives in Cold Ash. This is a flexible role; once a week would be fabulous but fortnightly is fine. **(Ref: NY2614)**

Companion – short walks and coffee

Pangbourne



A Berkshire charity supports adults with a physical disability to become more active and independent. A volunteer is needed to become a companion for one of their female members. You would support her by going for short walks near her house to keep her mobile (she uses a walker). Alternatively, if you are a driver, you may be able to take her out in her wheelchair to the shops or for a coffee together. The member lives in Pangbourne.

This is a flexible role – once a week would be fabulous but fortnightly is fine. The role would suit someone who enjoys chatting with a friend. **(Ref: NY2643)**

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)**

Conservation Volunteers

West Berkshire



Volunteer at a variety of habitats including wetland, heathland, ancient woodland and meadows. In this role, you'll help in the practical habitat and infrastructure management of nature reserves locally, maintaining and improving them for wildlife and people.

This is a physical and practical hands on role. Tasks will involve habitat management like scrub cutting, meadow raking and reedbed clearance in the autumn and infrastructure tasks like path repairs, clearance and other maintenance during the spring and summer.

Tasks take place every Wednesday 10:00am-4:00pm. No experience is necessary but enthusiasm and the ability to work as part of a friendly team are essential. **(Ref: NY2537)**

Content Delivery

West Berkshire



A local project helps people who experience loneliness and social isolation and are unable to access digital media. It offers an easy-to-use speaker along with memory sticks pre-loaded with spoken word and music content, supporting people to maintain their interests and feel connected.

The project is looking for a volunteer who would be able to deliver and collect memory sticks and speakers, including to local care homes. The role will also involve occasional engagement with clients, talking with them to understand their interests and discuss their listening. You will need your own car (mileage is reimbursed). The role would suit a caring volunteer with strong interpersonal skills. Time commitment is a few hours per week. **(Ref: NY2533)**

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)**

Coordinator

West Berkshire



The local branch of a charity which provides reading coaching for adults is looking for a volunteer coordinator. As coordinator, you would be responsible for enrolling and assessing adults who want to learn to read, as well as interviewing reading coaches when recruited. You would then pair up new readers with coaches and provide oversight throughout their reading journey.

The role would suit someone with good communication, organisational and people skills, who has reasonable confidence in using IT. You should have a passion for supporting others to achieve their reading or coaching goals and a willingness to become familiar with the phonics based coaching manuals. **(Ref: NY2367)**

Cooking Workshop Assistant

West Berkshire



A Hungerford based organisation promotes nutritional, sustainable and affordable food and cooking. It encourages food waste reduction, runs monthly markets in Hungerford and arranges school and community group cooking sessions in West Berkshire.

Could you volunteer to assist a cooking workshop leader to run cooking sessions with various age groups? Everything will be provided and you will have time to familiarise yourself with the recipe beforehand. There are various two-hour sessions that run Monday to Saturday. The role would suit someone with an interest in food and cooking, confidence in basic cooking skills, good communication skills and a sense of humour. **(Ref: NY2649)**

Corporate Volunteer

West Berkshire



Could you help promote the aims of a national cancer charity as a corporate volunteer? The charity aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of cancer patients.

You can help through skill-sharing, supporting at events, hosting your own events, publicising the charity or supporting through direct mail to local households.

The role is about sharing your knowledge and skillset; this could be marketing and communications, fleet management or even stock management for example. **(Ref: NY2594)**

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 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.

The charity is looking for a volunteer County Ambassador. This role involves supporting the team of local volunteers (who collect tools and speak on the charity's behalf at churches and community groups), recruiting new volunteers, looking for opportunities to promote the charity locally (for example through speaking engagements), organising and running local events, and identifying potential collection points.

This is a flexible role that would suit honest and open volunteers who enjoy meeting people. Volunteers should be computer literate. **(Ref: NY2399)**

Creative session volunteer coordinator

Theale



Do you have an interest in art? A volunteer with a friendly and approachable manner is needed to assist in the running of a creativity café for over 55s in Theale on a Monday afternoon (1-4pm).

In this role, you will assist artists throughout the sessions, organise a weekly rota for art events, coordinate artists and be the main point of contact for artists and staff. Communicating is key to this opportunity; timetabling can be done at a library or from home. They are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer with the ability to effectively communicate. **(Ref: NY2667)**

Creative session volunteers

Theale



Do you have an interest in art? A volunteer with a friendly and approachable manner is needed to help at a creativity café session for over 55s in Theale on a Monday afternoon (1-4pm). This is an opportunity to play a key role in supporting the running of the session, working closely alongside art professionals.

Tasks include assisting artists, preparation and clearing away of activities, engaging with the public to encourage participation and assisting/leading art workshops. They are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer with the ability to effectively communicate. **(Ref: NY2666)**

Creative Volunteers

Newbury



A Newbury-based charity offers a whole host of creative activities to young people and adults with learning disabilities. Volunteers are being recruited to help with the facilitation of the sessions. Activities include drama, dance, music, physical movement, art, film-making and life skills training. Could you support participants whilst they make their own movies or enjoy being part of a residential theatre company working alongside professional actors?

Classes run on weekdays from 9am – 3pm, and also on Monday and Thursday evenings. Time commitment can be flexible. The role would suit patient and kind volunteers. Perhaps you have a specific creative skill or would just like to be hands on to support the team. **(Ref: NY1154)**

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)**

Cub Leader

Newbury



A Cub Scout group which meets in Newbury on Thursday evenings (6:00-7:30pm) during term time is looking for volunteers to help with running the group. The role involves assisting with managing and leading the group, and planning the delivery of the programme. You will help ensure that safe, exciting and stimulating activities are provided for the 8-10½ year olds attending. You'll also actively support and promote the achievement of badges, and ensure every young person in the group has the opportunity to attend at least one nights away experience each year.

The role would suit someone who enjoys being part of a team as well as having a laugh. Training will be provided. As well as the weekly sessions, there are two or three leaders meetings a year and a group outing or camp once a year. **(Ref: NY2506)**

CVD Health Promoter

West Berkshire



Become a volunteer cardiovascular disease (CVD) health promoter in West Berkshire and encourage those who are eligible for a health check to receive one.

The role involves encouraging and supporting your community to improve their health and wellbeing, sharing valuable information about CVD and signposting people to specialist services.

You will be volunteering alongside wellness coaches in communities. Time commitment is a minimum of ten hours a week for twelve months, and you would ideally need to be available during weekdays. **(Ref: NY2558)**

Day Trip Crew

West Berkshire



A local charity provides canal holidays and day trips to those who are disabled, disadvantaged or elderly and their families and carers, on wheelchair-accessible, wide beam boats. The boats are crewed entirely by volunteers - could you join them?

The crew greet the groups and make them feel at home, chat to them throughout the trip and also work the locks on the canal. A qualified skipper is in charge, with three other crew members. Training is given so no experience is required - you just need to be physically fit enough to work the locks, and enjoy being with people of different backgrounds. Time commitment for a day trip is 9am-5pm. Day trips happen every day of the week, including weekends, and you can sign up as and when you are available. The boats are based in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY848)**

Disability Benefits Assistant

Newbury



Are you friendly and approachable? Are you good at understanding information and explaining it to others? A Newbury-based charity provides free and confidential advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities, and is looking for new volunteers to help their clients with disability benefits.

This opportunity involves supporting clients both face-to-face and on the phone helping them to claim disability benefits. Following training, you will help clients complete paper and online forms, understand circumstances ensuring other advice needs are assisted with by colleagues, give basic advice around applying for benefits, write a summary of problems and actions taken and look out for problems which are common or are unfair. Time commitment is ideally six hours a week, with volunteering taking place Monday-Thursday during office hours (exact times to be agreed with the volunteer). **(Ref: NY2576)**

Donor Recruitment Event Volunteers

West Berkshire



A national blood cancer charity is seeking Donor Recruitment Event Volunteers. In this role, you will help recruit 16-30 year olds to be stem cell donors, making them aware of what they are signing up to and how important being on the stem cell register is.

Donor recruitment events are organised in many different environments, from schools to army barracks; at the events, you will welcome potential donors, explain about donation, support with completing the application form and advise about taking cheek swabs.

The role involves travel to various sites in the region, and volunteers are given travel expenses. The role would suit warm, confident, and friendly volunteers with some awareness of blood cancer and stem cell transplants. Events take place during the working week and tend to be during the day. **(Ref: NY2390)**

Dog Training

West Berkshire



Volunteers are needed to help care for and train puppies and young dogs to become clever assistance dogs that can change the lives of deaf people.

In this role, you will look after a puppy or young dog in your own home for 6-18 months. You will need to have a home with access to a secure garden and adequate time to dedicate to training a young dog on a daily basis, including attending weekday daytime classes (the role is not suitable for full-time workers). Volunteers should be drivers with 24 hour access to a vehicle and have access to a computer with video calling. Full support will be provided. **(Ref: NY2658)**

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) and clinical psychology assistance (with dog phobias). Visits to see children, including those with special needs, are increasing.

Dogs will be assessed for suitability first. Time commitment is usually a maximum of two hours per week. Individual arrangements are made with establishments. Regularity and reliability are important. **(Ref: NY1556)**

Driver
West Berkshire



Could you spare a few hours of your time to help a family with a seriously ill child access safe and comfortable transport?

A charity that supports families with a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness is seeking volunteer drivers. In this role, you will enable families to travel to healthcare appointments, school and other activities.

Hours are flexible and volunteers are required on a regular basis (most drivers support on a weekly or monthly basis). Times can vary between the hours of 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. The role would suit calm, patient, non-judgemental volunteers used to interacting with children and people from a variety of backgrounds. **(Ref: NY2602)**

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
Berkshire



A charity set up to support those living with a diagnosis of young onset dementia (receiving a diagnosis under 65) is looking for volunteer drivers.

Volunteers pick up and drop off a person with dementia at the charity's activity workshops, ensuring the safety and comfort of passengers throughout the journey. Mileage is refunded. Depending on your location and that of the person with dementia, the time commitment could be 2-4 hours per activity. They run workshops throughout the working week, but within West Berkshire, workshops are run on a Thursday. You will need to be compassionate and reliable with excellent communication skills. **(Ref: NY2577)**

**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, predominantly, to medical appointments. Drivers will need a clean and current licence, and should have empathy for the elderly. Drivers receive mileage expenses.

A team of office volunteers respond to telephone calls and arrange drives, record Village Lunch bookings, offer photocopying services and organise Welcome Packs for newcomers to the village. Volunteers also organise the monthly Village Lunch and act as Street Representatives. **(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 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 is 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 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 is 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 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 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 is 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, medical appointments and social activities.

Volunteers use their own vehicles and mileage will be paid back, and time commitment is flexible. This role would suit sociable and supportive volunteers who enjoy getting out and about. **(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 minibuss 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)**

Drivers (Car and Handybus) and Office Help

West Berkshire



A scheme operates in the Downlands area whereby volunteer drivers transport people who are elderly, disabled or otherwise in need. Volunteers use their own cars, with mileage expenses being paid, and will need a clean driving licence.

The scheme also runs a Handybus service, with volunteers needing to pass a test to be able to drive this. You can also volunteer to help in the scheme's office. **(Ref: NY358)**

Driver's Mate

Newbury



A Newbury donation centre raises funds to support vulnerable people in the UK. They are looking for driver's mates to accompany drivers collecting and delivering goods to private houses as well as commercial premises using a provided vehicle.

As part of the role, you will assess donated goods for quality and from time-to-time assist in serving and speaking to customers within the donation centre.

Volunteers will need excellent customer service skills and manual handling experience. The role will require a good level of physical fitness and volunteers will need to be prepared to collect and deliver various furniture items. Volunteers need to be over 24 due to insurance. **(Ref: NY2375)**

Drop-In Centre Volunteer

Newbury



A local organisation, operating from Newbury town, provides support, friendship and a listening ear to people experiencing mental health issues. Volunteers are needed to meet, chat and give support to the group's members, as well as partake in activities and help with the day-to-day running of the drop-in. If a volunteer has particular skills that they can share as an activity, they would welcome this.

Volunteers are needed on Monday, Thursday and Fridays with the service open between 9am and 3pm each day (time commitment is flexible). The role would suit kind and caring volunteers with a general awareness of mental health issues. **(Ref: NY756)**

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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)**

Education Volunteer (Presenter)

West Berkshire



A national blood cancer charity is seeking Education Volunteers to deliver inspiring presentations to young people aged 16+ in a variety of settings from schools to sixth forms to colleges and youth groups (either in person or online). The presentations inspire and educate young people about stem cell, blood and organ donation.

Talks will take place in the local area, and tend to be held during the working week/school day, lasting between 30 and 50 minutes. The role would suit warm, confident and friendly volunteers with good communication skills. Volunteers will have some awareness of blood cancer and stem cell transplants, and have basic computer/PowerPoint skills. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2391)**

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)**

Electrical and/or Electronic Goods Repairer

Newbury/Thatcham



A project in Newbury and Thatcham is holding events where visitors can bring broken items for free repair.

Are you skilled in PAT testing, electrical or electronic repairs, computer and tablet repairs or in giving mobile phone advice? Why not join the team as an electrical/electronics goods repairer? Volunteers will help visitors mend items if the repair is feasible (if not, other advice on repair may be given). You will talk through the process with the owner thus passing skills on.

You don't need to be professionally trained, just someone who enjoys fixing things. Events run monthly on a Sunday, alternating each month between Newbury (afternoon) and Thatcham (morning). Time commitment for an event is 3.5 hours. **(Ref: NY2560)**

Employability Mentor

West Berkshire



Do you have visual impairment and experience of work? 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)**

Energy Efficiency Events Volunteer

Newbury, Thatcham, Hungerford area



An advice service run by a national charity helps people stay warm and healthy in their homes, lower their fuel bills and reduce their impact on the environment. The service would love your help in reducing fuel poverty in West Berkshire. They are looking for volunteers to run weekly drop-in sessions in a public location, to raise awareness of the project. The role involves giving energy efficiency guidance to the community. You would be supported by an experienced caseworker initially and receive training.

A 2-4 hour session would be run once a week or fortnight (when can be tailored to suit your availability). The role would suit a friendly volunteer who finds it easy to chat to people of all ages and backgrounds. **(Ref: NY2636)**

Engineer/Mechanic

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers.

Could you join them as a volunteer engineer/mechanic? This role involves maintaining and checking boat systems, including engines, between hires during the summer, and undertaking more complex tasks in the winter. Boat "turnarounds" take place on Friday and Saturday mornings throughout the summer, and the maintenance team meets every Tuesday (mainly mornings, but often going into early afternoon) in the winter – the online rostering system means you can sign up as and when you are available.

No experience is needed as on the job training is given, but they would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone with experience of diesel engines or electrical systems. Volunteering takes place in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY2633)**

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)**

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 Helpers

West Berkshire



A Community Interest Company was set up to build inclusion and representation specifically for children, young people, families and other organisations connected by illness and disability. They have developed characters all of whom represent different illnesses and disabilities. The characters and world where they live have been made into props which has been turned into a small stage, and are accompanied by sensory activities.

They are looking for volunteers to do small jobs at the events they attend and organise, from helping with activities to doing some set up, take down, speaking with the public and more. Events are on an ad-hoc basis and you can choose which you attend. The role would suit fun loving, kind hearted volunteers who are good at interacting with children and families. **(Ref: NY2600)**

Events Fundraiser Assistant

Thatcham, Newbury



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

The role will involve assisting with event set up, greeting guests and helping with registration, supporting in fundraising during the event and helping with clearing down. You can also be involved in helping to organise prior to attending.

This role would suit reliable, patient and non-judgemental volunteers who are willing to learn skills. **(Ref: NY2263)**

Event Volunteer

West Berkshire



A charity which aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of cancer patients is recruiting volunteers to help at its fundraising events (both those which it organises and those that they have been invited to attend). The role involves meeting and talking to people, groups and businesses; setting up and breaking down of events; distributing posters/information to help advertise events, manning stands and selling merchandise.

The role would suit reliable volunteers with an energetic and proactive personality, a willingness to get involved and talk about the charity's work and good communication skills. **(Ref: NY2587)**

Event Volunteer

West Berkshire



A national assistance dog charity is looking for volunteers to help at events. This role involves raising awareness of what they do, handing out leaflets, taking donations, helping with activities (such as selling raffle tickets), meeting with people of all ages and raising awareness of volunteer opportunities.

The role would suit polite, friendly and personable volunteers who have flexibility to visit different locations. There is no minimum commitment, and the charity is always grateful for an extra pair of hands to help with setting up events and tidying up afterwards. **(Ref: NY2642)**

Events Manager or Partner

East Woodhay



A village hall south-west of, and about 15 minutes' drive of, central Newbury is seeking a committed volunteer with an interest in organising events. Do you enjoy hosting, meeting new people, and planning events and engagement activities? Could you use these skills to drive weddings and parties to the hall, or help the hall run events of its own such as wine and cheese evenings, games nights and more? Can you coordinate the things needed for an event and work with the rest of the committee to achieve goals?

Time commitment is expected to be a couple of hours a week. The committee meets roughly once a month, with meetings held in the evenings. The role would suit a volunteer who can independently plan their time and coordinate with businesses, and who has experience in professional events management or just a passion for hosting and organising. Your own laptop and Internet access will be required. Patience, determination and a sense of humour are very useful! **(Ref: NY2512)**

Events Support Volunteer

West Berkshire



A charity which protects churches at risk and repairs damage from sometimes years of neglect is looking for volunteers to support with its events. You would help the event organiser in delivering events such as theatre performances and concerts, tea parties, services and talks. You could be involved in marshalling, providing refreshments, ticketing, marketing or helping with set-up.

Time commitment can depend on your own availability; if you are available it would be helpful to attend Church Plan meetings. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers, who may have experience of supporting events and promoting them. **(Ref: NY2531)**

Events Volunteer

Newbury



Could you volunteer to provide support with the running of events and activities at the library? You could be supporting the library service with half term events, author talks and the annual local author book fair.

Tasks include assisting library staff with the delivery of events, assisting with preparation and clearing away, welcoming attendees and directing them, encouraging participation and collecting feedback.

They are looking for enthusiastic, friendly and approachable volunteers with the ability to effectively communicate with all ages. **(Ref: NY2605)**

Exercise Therapy Assistants

Thatcham



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

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

Exhibitions Volunteer

Greenham



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

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

Time commitment is flexible to suit you. The 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)**

Explorer Scout Team Members

Thatcham



Could you help run an Explorer Scout unit in Thatcham? Volunteer team members are being recruited to plan and deliver a balanced and engaging programme of activities for young people aged 14 to 18. You'll be guiding them in achieving badges and awards, and ensure a safe and inclusive environment.

Meetings are held on Mondays from 8:00-9:30pm. Additional time may be required for planning, attending camps, expeditions and other events. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers with good leadership, organisational and interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY2665)**

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Family Support Volunteer

Newbury



A charity supports families with a child who has a life-threatening or terminal illness. The charity is recruiting volunteers locally who can support such families. This volunteering role involves providing social support for siblings (for example, supporting interests or helping with homework), accompanying the family or siblings on days out, accompanying the family to hospital appointments and providing practical support such as shopping or gardening.

Volunteers will commit to at least one session a week (Monday to Friday, during the day). The role would suit friendly, non-judgemental volunteers who are excellent communicators, and have experience of interacting with children and young people, and with people from a wide variety of backgrounds. **(Ref: NY2603)**

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 or Fridays. **(Ref: NY2241)**

Female Volunteer – Walking Companion

Calcot



A charity which supports adults with a physical disability to become more active and independent is looking for a female volunteer to become a walking companion for one of their female members. The volunteer would be someone who the member can link arms with for support and confidence. She needs to build her strength and mobility, and having someone to accompany her will help take her mind off the pain too.

This is a flexible role – one walk a week would be fantastic. Initially walks would be very short, with distance building over time. The member is based in Calcot, and the role would suit someone who enjoys chatting with a friend and having a giggle. **(Ref: NY2477)**

Fireworks Spectacular Volunteers

Newbury



The local branch of a worldwide service organisation runs an annual fireworks display in November in Newbury.

In order to make this special occasion run smoothly and safely, a large number of volunteer stewards are required. Volunteers will attend a safety briefing at around 4pm and will then be on duty when gates open at 5pm. The display starts at 7:30pm and standdown is usually by 8:30pm. Volunteers will be provided with refreshments and a free family ticket. Volunteers are also needed for an hour or so on the Sunday morning to help clear up.

No specific qualifications are required, just an ability to follow instructions and work in a team. **(Ref: NY937)**

Food Bank Volunteer

Lambourn



A community led initiative in Lambourn supports those in need with food, household items and toiletries. It is supported by volunteers and donations, as a drop-in needs-led food hub.

The volunteer team help ensure the distribution of groceries to those most in need. Additional volunteers who can assist with handing out supplies are required on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 11:00 and 13:00.

The role would suit those who enjoy meeting people and making them feel welcome. Time commitment is around two hours a week depending on how many sessions you would like to attend. **(Ref: NY2496)**

**Food Collection
Volunteer**
Newbury



A local service that supports people affected by mental health issues is seeking volunteers to collect food donations from local shops and supermarkets (the service provides a hot meal twice a week and those using the service cook using donated food).

This is often an evening role with collections being available once stores have closed. Collections will be weekly on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings and possibly Thursday, Friday and Monday mornings (volunteers can choose to do one or more days). In this role, you will load donations into your own vehicle and deliver them to the service's centre or office in Newbury. Time commitment is a maximum of 1.5 hours per pick-up, and this would suit reliable volunteers with good communication skills. You need to be physically fit to load donations into your vehicle. **(Ref: NY2513)**

**Friendship Phone Calls
Volunteer**
West Berkshire



Help alleviate loneliness and isolation by volunteering to make friendship telephone calls to beneficiaries within the RAF community. You will be provided with all the necessary training and have the support of a coordinator as your point of contact. This rewarding role can help enhance your communication and listening skills, and you will gain a new meaningful relationship.

An RAF or forces background is not essential, but you will need to be a good listener with patience and empathy. Time commitment is a thirty-minute chat on the telephone on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). **(Ref: NY2409)**

Funding Officer
West Berkshire



A local organisation run purely by volunteers focuses on the reduction of single use plastics. They are becoming more and more well known in the local community and want to build on their achievements of gaining Plastic Free status for Newbury and Thatcham.

In order to attend events, run a website and produce promotional materials, they need funding. Currently this is in the form of grants, but they would like to look at sponsorship, affiliate marketing and more. This Funding Officer volunteer role will focus on grant applications, sponsorship requests and other forms of self-funding. The role would suit someone with a passion for the environment and the ability to write grant applications. Time commitment is expected to be no more than two hours a week. The volunteers also meet once a month in Thatcham. **(Ref: NY2599)**

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)**

Fundraiser Volunteer
Newbury



A local service that supports people affected by mental health issues is seeking a volunteer fundraiser. The main objective of the role is to support the fundraising activities of the charity, volunteering independently as well as supporting the member's committee with fundraising activities. The role involves identifying suitable key dates and linking fundraising to these, agreeing and planning fundraising activities, maintaining the fundraising kit, seeking requests for raffle donations, supporting the allocation and collection of fundraising tins and supporting the charity manger with a fundraising plan.

Hours will fluctuate depending on events being run, but time commitment is expected to be 1-5 hours a week. The role would suit an organised and reliable volunteer with good communication skills and an empathy for people with mental health issues. **(Ref: NY2516)**

Fundraising Coordinator
West Berkshire



A local charity provides essential support for those with a short-term food need. This opportunity is focused on maximising the funds raised by the charity, through promoting its message and goals.

The role involves developing links with local organisations and businesses, representing the charity at and organising fundraising events, developing and delivering presentations, liaising with the council to obtain relevant licenses, coordinating volunteers for street collections, keeping up to date with best practice and legislation and creating reports for the board of trustees.

Time commitment is three hours a week; days and times are flexible, and volunteering can be from home or the charity's warehouse. The role would suit a dynamic volunteer with excellent presentation and interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY2451)**

Fundraising Coordinator
Lambourn



A Lambourn organisation provides horse riding lessons to people with physical and learning disabilities. They are seeking a volunteer Fundraising Coordinator to provide vision, leadership and fundraising skills.

Role responsibilities include organising fundraising events, researching potential donors and maintaining donor records, utilising online fundraising platforms, developing marketing strategies for events, training event volunteers, communicating with the chair and trustees, preparing reports and ensuring legal requirements are met.

Time commitment is likely to be two to three hours a week; meetings are held in the evening and most fundraising activities are at weekends. The role would suit a volunteer with good communication, administrative and project management skills. **(Ref: NY2484)**

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 Support Volunteer
West Berkshire



Join the local volunteer team helping at fundraising events for a charity that provides end-of-life care and helps people manage grief. Activities could include helping managing registration and marshalling events, encouraging supporters, helping with fundraising activities/games and setting up stalls.

Although they hope you'll volunteer 3-6 hours a week, the role is flexible, with plenty of opportunities to volunteer on an ad hoc basis. The role might suit volunteers who enjoy being part of a team and meeting new people. **(Ref: NY2623)**

Fundraising Group Coordinator

West Berkshire



Could you help inspire and motivate a team of volunteer fundraisers in your local area? A charity that provides assistance dogs to people with visual impairment is looking for a Fundraising Group Coordinator.

In this role you'll use your fantastic people skills to bring the team together, help the team develop new ideas and activities to raise funds, manage the calendar and make sure events are supported, be an ambassador for the charity by sharing stories and information, and use local networks and connections to work with groups to host events.

Time commitment is 5-6 hours a week and the role would suit someone with good communication and networking skills and a passion for organising events. **(Ref: NY2656)**

Fundraising Group Member

West Berkshire



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

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

Fundraising Group Secretary

West Berkshire



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

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

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

Fundraising Guru

Newbury



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

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

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

Fundraising Research Volunteer

West Berkshire



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

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

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

Fundraising 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 Volunteer
Newbury



The local branch of an organisation which offers a listening service to those in distress is seeking a fundraising volunteer. The role involves organising and making arrangements for street collections, securing prizes for raffles, and collecting and banking money. There is also the possibility of increasing the number of collection tubs in locations such as pubs and cafes.

Time commitment is a couple of hours a week, but there may be the need for attendance at certain fundraising events. Volunteering will be from home, with some time at meetings and events. The role would suit a bubbly fun person with lots of ideas of how to fundraise, good organisational skills and a can-do approach. **(Ref: NY2479)**

Fundraising Volunteer
West Berkshire



A charity which protects churches at risk and repairs damage from sometimes years of neglect is looking for fundraising volunteers. As a fundraising volunteer, you would be involved in the Church Plan meetings which consider the fundraising opportunities for each church. The role involves helping with the planning and execution of fundraising events such as concerts or theatre performances, exhibitions, tea parties, talks or sponsored walks. You will also help with promoting of events, for example through local press, social media and poster campaigns.

Time commitment can depend on your availability, but you would need to attend Church Plan meetings (one hour approximately once a month in the lead up to an event). The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers, who would benefit from having had experience in event planning and fundraising. **(Ref: NY2530)**

Fundraising Volunteer
West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity raises funds to purchase specialist equipment and improve NHS facilities and experiences in the area. They are always in need of fundraising volunteers to help them out at events and in the local community.

The role includes acting as a charity ambassador, supporting the team at bucket collections, placing collection units in shops, participating in charity stalls at events, supporting with raising awareness of the charity at community groups, sharing information to donors and selling raffle tickets. This would suit enthusiastic volunteers with a commitment to supporting local healthcare. Time commitment is ad-hoc as required. **(Ref: NY2566)**

Fundraising Volunteer
West Berkshire



Support a charity that provides people with assistance dogs by becoming a volunteer fundraiser. This role could involve individual fundraising (for example, selling raffle tickets or running events such as coffee mornings), coordinating shop collection boxes, arranging fundraising events as a group, organising sponsored events, speaking to different groups, helping with admin or researching sources of grants.

Time commitment can be flexible and the role would support enthusiastic volunteers with good people skills. **(Ref: NY2583)**

Fundraising Volunteer
West Berkshire



A local charity provides a home and support to young people who are leaving care or who are homeless. They are looking for volunteers to join their team to help with fundraising.

The role may include developing community fundraising and awareness events, helping on stalls at events, distributing leaflets and flyers, delivering presentations to schools, attending cheque presentations and approaching organisations for sponsorship or donations.

Time commitment is 1-2 hours a fortnight and the role would suit volunteers with good communication skills. Previous fundraising experience would be a bonus. **(Ref: NY2651)**

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 helping at fundraising events, public speaking or delivering fundraising materials. Hours vary to suit your availability. **(Ref: NY499)**

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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 supports people with learning disabilities, and a volunteer is needed to help prepare it so it is safe, functional and ready to plant. The farm aims to 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. This role is available Monday to Friday. **(Ref: NY2289)**

Gardener Tadley



A charity supports people with learning disabilities and autism, who may also have sight loss, to realise their goals each and every day. The charity is seeking gardening volunteers to support its homes in maintaining their outdoor spaces so that the people they support can enjoy them. Volunteers support with tasks such as general garden maintenance; watering, planting, weeding and pruning; maintaining flower beds and creating and improving sensory garden spaces.

Timings are flexible according to your availability, however a regular commitment would be appreciated, even if only once a fortnight. The role would suit friendly and reliable volunteers, who are knowledgeable about plants and confident using gardening equipment. **(Ref: NY2384)**

Gardener Thatcham



If you love gardening, don't mind getting your hands dirty and are able to help with maintenance tasks, you may be interested in this volunteering role with a local charity that supports children with disabilities and their families.

The charity is looking for someone who can help keep its garden and outdoor areas neat and well-maintained. The main responsibilities are mowing, trimming and fertilising, and pruning and trimming trees and bushes. Other duties are maintaining gardening equipment and machinery, conducting inspections, performing preventative maintenance and basic repairs/maintenance.

Time commitment is 1-2 hours a week and the role is available any day other than Sunday. The role would suit someone with basic gardening and maintenance skills, and handy person skills. **(Ref: NY2491)**

Gardener Newbury, Thatcham



A local service that supports people affected by mental health issues runs a gardening club where they adopt raised beds to plant and maintain. They are looking for a volunteer to run the club, providing guidance and support to help participants plant and maintain the various raised bed locations (situated in Newbury and Thatcham). The service wants to grow produce that can be used for meals, and for the beds to support local wildlife and pollinators.

The role involves planning planting, choosing and purchasing seeds, giving guidance on maintenance and sharing knowledge, arranging a watering rota and being an ambassador for the charity in the wider community. The role would suit a reliable and kind volunteer with a good knowledge of plant care and an empathy for those with mental health issues. The club will run on a weekday (times to be agreed). **(Ref: NY2514)**

Gardener Beech Hill



A charity which has a garden in Beech Hill is seeking volunteers to join their friendly Saturday gardening group on the second Saturday of each month. The garden is used during the week by clients with disabilities or ill health. This role does not involve supporting clients, and involves helping to carry out tasks that clients were unable to complete during the week.

Tasks include watering, hedge trimming, clearing pathways, weeding, digging, hoeing, mowing and pruning. The group starts at 10am and lasts about four hours (dependent on tasks and the time you can give). This would suit volunteers with some understanding of basic gardening skills, who are prepared to be outdoors in most weathers. **(Ref: NY2525)**

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 Volunteer
Newbury



A local charity provides a home and support to young people who are leaving care or who are homeless. They are seeking volunteers to look after the gardens and landscaped areas in and around one of their houses in Newbury. You may be working by yourself or with other volunteers, carrying out tasks such as weeding, watering, planting, pruning and litter picking.

Time commitment may be up to two hours at a time, with different hours needed throughout the seasons depending on what tasks are required. This would suit a friendly volunteer with some experience of gardening or horticulture and use of hand tools or a willingness to learn. **(Ref: NY2652)**

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 Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 12:30pm. Time commitment is flexible. **(Ref: NY705)**

Garden Volunteer
Thatcham



Help is needed on Fridays, 10am-midday, to maintain a community sensory garden in Thatcham. The garden is a tranquil space designed to engage all five senses. This volunteer role is ideal for nature lovers and responsibilities include assisting with garden maintenance, helping with planting, ensuring pathways and sensory elements are clean and accessible, supporting in composting and eco-friendly practices and optionally engaging with visitors to share knowledge of the plants and features.

No prior experience is needed but a passion for plants and the outdoors is helpful. Volunteers will need the ability to perform physical tasks such as lifting and be willing to work in various weather conditions. **(Ref: NY2630)**

General Advisor
Newbury



Are you friendly and approachable? Can you explain complex issues in an understandable way? A Newbury-based charity provides free and confidential advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities, and is looking for new volunteers to join its team.

In this role, you will interview clients in person or on the phone, guide them through the steps to resolve the problem, write up the details of the interview and carry out more in-depth work if needed (for example, if a client needs help filling out a form).

Advisors commit to seven hours a week between Monday and Wednesday. Training is provided. **(Ref: NY2402)**

General Volunteer
West Berkshire



A charity which protects churches at risk and repairs damage from sometimes years of neglect has a variety of ways in which volunteers can be involved. You could help with cleaning and looking after the church buildings, mapping walking or cycling routes to encourage visitors to appreciate the sites, update social media or create walk around or audio guides.

Time commitment is flexible. The charity can adapt the role to suit your skills and experience, but an enthusiasm for historic buildings is a great advantage. **(Ref: NY2529)**

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)**

Governor
Meetings held in
Oxfordshire



A charity founded in 1437 awards grants and bursaries to young people in state and independent education and to educational establishments supporting disadvantaged young people in the areas of Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Ramridge.

The charity is looking for volunteer governors who can attend between 6 and 8 meetings a year, usually in Oxfordshire (volunteer travel expenses are paid) to assess applications for bursaries and grants.

Time commitment would probably be about ten hours a month. Meetings last three hours and are usually on a Tuesday morning. The role would suit volunteers with a keen interest in education and skills training for young people. An eye for detail and enthusiasm would be useful. A governor with knowledge of the Berkshire area would be valuable to the organisation. **(Ref NY2542)**

**Governors – primary
school and nursery**
Thattham



A Thattham primary school and nursery is looking for new governors to join its committed and experienced board. Governors work closely with the headteacher and other staff to set the strategic direction of the school, and monitor the educational and financial performance.

This is a chance to grow both personally and professionally, and make a real impact. Time commitment is a few hours a month for meetings and conversations with staff. They are ideally looking for people with ICT, finance or HR backgrounds but an interest in education and leadership are more important than specific experience. **(Ref: NY2624)**

Grant Application Writer
West Berkshire



A small local charity which works with those who are homeless to help them find accommodation and employment relies totally on donations and grants. They are looking for a volunteer Grant Application Writer.

In this role, you would need to understand the work of the charity and its volunteers, look for grants they could apply for and assist with the end of grant reports. Anyone who has experience of applying for grants would be much appreciated, but this is not essential. This is a home-based role and time commitment is expected to be 2-3 hours a week. **(Ref: NY2616)**

Grief Support Volunteer
Thattham



Could you help someone experiencing grief? Volunteers are needed to help people feel heard and less alone at weekly drop-in sessions. At the sessions, you will support people to share their experiences of grief, guide compassionate conversations and provide signposting to relevant help.

Volunteers will receive training to be able to support people in a group setting. You will need to be able to actively listen and show compassion whilst also knowing when to step back. Time commitment is two hours every 2-3 weeks, with some flexibility; the role is on Tuesdays between 10:00am and 12:00pm in Thattham. **(Ref: NY2578)**

Group Chair
West Berkshire



The West Berkshire branch of a national organisation runs regular walks in the local and surrounding areas, as well as coach walks further afield. The branch is looking for a volunteer Group Chair.

The Group Chair oversees all the branch's activities, making sure they are in line with their mission. You will be involved with supporting the committee to run the group well, joining in national/local initiatives, making sure policies and procedures are followed, overseeing the working relationship with local authorities and organisations, developing activities and making sure the group follows the required governance such as AGMs. The role would suit a people person who is organised and has good humour and the ability to understand policies. Committee meetings are held in the evenings. **(Ref: NY2550)**

Group Facilitators

West Berkshire



A new local group will offer peer support to those who have suffered bereavement due to suicide. Volunteer group facilitators, who have experienced bereavement due to suicide and are at least two years post bereavement, are being recruited.

The group will provide a safe meeting place where participants can talk about their feelings and experiences, obtain practical help and support, and be referred to other organisations who can help. Training will be provided by the national body to enable you to help others. Facilitators will need to be empathetic, non-judgemental, well-organised and able to coordinate simple arrangements for mutual support groups. Groups meet by arrangement which could be monthly and on Zoom as required. **(Ref: NY2462)**

Group Leaders for Activity Groups

Newbury



A Newbury charity provides social and learning opportunities for those who have retired or are contemplating retirement.

They are looking for Group Leaders, ideally retired or part retired. Group Leaders join as members and then volunteer their time to organise their group/s. They are currently looking for volunteers to lead the following proposed groups: singing, wine tasting, technology for older people, walking with pet dogs welcome, chair yoga/seated exercise, acrylic painting, needlework, more sports groups and beginners German. The most important skill is being able to organise a group and encourage active participation. Enthusiasm and the ability to listen and be sociable are key attributes. **(Ref: NY2621)**

Guide Assistant Leaders

Pangbourne



Help ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the chance to experience the fun and challenge of guiding. Volunteer Girl Guide Assistant Leaders are being recruited 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

Thattham



Help ensure that as many girls and young women as possible get the chance to experience the fun and challenge of Girl Guiding.

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

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

Guide Unit Helper

Donnington



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

With the support of volunteers, members get involved with a range of fun activities and challenges, camps and residential.

If you have spare time on Friday evenings, are fun natured and have a can-do attitude, they would be interested in hearing from you. **(Ref: NY1507)**

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Handybus Drivers

Newbury, Thattham



Newbury and Thattham 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)**

Handybus Shopper
Thatcham/Calcot



Are you a friendly and patient person who loves a natter and a bit of shopping and has time to spare?

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire is looking for volunteers to join the Handybus Thatcham Shopper on its route to Sainsburys in Calcot to offer older people help with their shopping in store (for example, accompanying them or pushing a wheelchair, helping pick items off the shelves or pack bags).

On the journey you can chat with the volunteer driver and also assist with embarking and disembarking passengers and loading shopping into the bus.

Time commitment is three hours on a Friday (9am-12pm) and the role would suit a volunteer with a good sense of humour and outgoing personality. **(Ref: NY2377)**

Handyperson/Caretaker
Newbury



A youth organisation is seeking a handyperson/caretaker to assist the general upkeep and maintenance of their building in Newbury. This is a flexible role that will support the smooth operation of the building by ensuring facilities are well-maintained, presentable and ready for use.

Key responsibilities include light maintenance (e.g. minor repairs, replacing light bulbs), checking facilities are in working order, basic cleaning and tidying, seasonal tasks such as sweeping leaves and setting up for hirers.

The role would suit someone with DIY and minor repair skills, communication skills, flexibility in availability and the ability to volunteer independently and take initiative. **(Ref: NY2626)**

Health & Safety Officer
West Berkshire



A local charity provides essential support for those with a short-term food need. The charity is looking to recruit a volunteer who can assist their Warehouse Manager with implementing the parts of the Health and Safety Policy that are delegated by the trustees. You will help enable the charity's activities by firmly minimising the risks of accident, promoting a friendly, healthy culture.

The role needs a volunteer who can remain aware of statutory and best practice procedures and ensure they are used where appropriate, maintain the necessary paperwork such as risk assessments and minimise the risk of disruption arising from accidents or claims. The role also includes maintaining accident and suggestion books, seeing that posters are displayed, carrying out inspections and helping with training of new volunteers.

The role requires strong communication skills and an ability and willingness to keep up to date with requirements. Days are flexible; you would usually be doing at least one visit a week on a weekday. **(Ref: NY2449)**

Hedgehog Carers
Thatcham



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

Ideal for enthusiastic and committed individuals, willing to get involved with practical, hands on volunteering. Will be dirty and smelly – but the rewards of discovering the characters of the little creatures as you care for them will make it worthwhile. Volunteers are currently required 10am-1pm Monday and every other Friday (and Sunday from September 2024). **(Ref: NY1066)**

Helper
Woolhampton



A West Berkshire charity supports stroke survivors locally. It runs a rehabilitation and reablement group on Tuesdays in Woolhampton between 9.45am and 2:30pm, for which volunteer helpers are required. At the group, stroke survivors receive physio, exercises, mentally stimulating activities and friendship.

In this role, you will chat to group members, help with refreshments and lunch, assist with activities and equipment and tidy up. Volunteers are never on their own and are not required to carry out any personal care.

The role would suit patient, helpful and sociable volunteers. **(Ref: NY2373)**

Helpline Volunteers

West Berkshire



Do you have excellent listening skills? Are you caring and non-judgemental? A charity which supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse is seeking volunteers for its helpline.

You will support callers by providing a safe space for them to share their feelings, giving information and signposting them to other relevant services.

Training, support and monthly supervision will be given. Volunteers will need to be competent users of Microsoft software and the Internet and have good time-management skills. Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week, and volunteering is home-based. **(Ref: NY2369)**

Horse Welfare Advisor

West Berkshire



Volunteer Welfare Advisors are being recruited locally by a national horse charity. Advisors help to prevent horse welfare concerns through advice and education. Advisors visit horses when a concern is reported. If the horse's welfare is compromised, but not severely, they will attempt to locate the owner; the charity works with owners to provide support and education. In serious cases, advisors will work with enforcement or welfare organisations. Monitoring may sometimes be required but no immediate action.

Welfare Advisors should be passionate educators and knowledgeable about horse care with extensive practical experience (equivalent to BHS Stage 3 Groom as minimum). The role would suit great communicators, able to positively influence people. Volunteers respond to welfare concerns within a 45-minute drive of home or work. **(Ref: NY2458)**

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)**

House Experience Volunteer – Room Guide

Basildon



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

Volunteers will ideally commit to two sessions a month. Guides are needed every day, 10:30-4:00 (until 5:00 in summer), and the role would suit volunteers who can provide a warm, friendly welcome. **(Ref: NY773)**

HR Trustee

Newbury



Are you an experienced HR professional with a commitment to social impact? A West Berkshire charity which provides free mental health support to young people is seeking a dedicated and skilled individual to join them as a trustee, bringing their expertise in Human Resources and helping shape future charitable endeavours.

The role involves providing strategic insight to enhance organisational structure and policies, overseeing development of new HR policies, ensuring compliance with employment law and good practice, collaborating with other trustees to shape HR policies and contributing to fostering an inclusive and supportive organisational culture. Trustees hold a bi-monthly meeting in the evening. Additional hours vary as appropriate. The role would suit a good communicator with proven HR expertise. **(Ref: NY2527)**

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Independent Visitor

West Berkshire



Could you volunteer and make a difference to a local young person in care? An Independent Visitor is an adult volunteer who provides support and friendship to a young person in care. This involves establishing a long-term supportive relationship where the young person will have the opportunity to develop their interests, learn new skills and build their self-esteem.

This role provides an opportunity to make a positive difference to the life of a vulnerable young person. It would suit a dedicated volunteer who can be a good role model. Training is provided and the time commitment is a few hours once a month (visits usually happen at the weekend) for a minimum of two years. (Ref: NY2387)

Information and Events Volunteer

West Berkshire



A local charity that supports people who are blind or visually impaired is looking for Information and Events Volunteers to help run information or fundraising stands in the local community to raise awareness, fundraise and to recruit new volunteers. This could be at local fetes or festivals, community events, shopping centres, sports events and eye clinics.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible. The role would suit a friendly and cheerful volunteer with good interpersonal skills. **(Ref: NY2463)**

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)**

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)**

Invigilator

Newbury



A local charity that provides apprenticeships and training is seeking conscientious volunteers to support their examinations through invigilation. In this role, you'll support with preparing the room, providing a calm and quiet environment, keeping time, responding appropriately to any needs, providing basic tech support during online tests, collecting answer sheets and ensuring regulations are followed.

Full training will be given. Exams are typically 1-2 hours on Fridays, although more days are possible between May and July. The role would suit calm volunteers with attention to detail. **(Ref: NY2661)**

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Learning and Participation Volunteer

Newbury



A local museum is looking for volunteers who can help run activities for children and their families/carers mainly during the school holidays. 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, helping deliver them, tidying and assisting with evaluation.

The role would suit reliable volunteers with the ability to communicate with people of all ages. Volunteers should have a good general standard of written and spoken English.

The role is expected to involve 1-6 days commitment a month (mostly in the school holidays on Fridays, and occasional evenings and weekends in term time). **(Ref: NY2065)**

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)**

Library Assistant for books for blind children Kingsclere



A charity based in Kingsclere provides a free postal library of books with braille, raised tactile pictures and audio guides, providing access to the visual world for blind and partially sighted children and adults.

Volunteers are being recruited to assist library staff with different aspects of running the service. Duties may include processing of incoming and outgoing items, selecting choices for various ages of library members, tidying away publications and calling library members on the phone to help with enquiries.

Sessions are usually approximately three hours (during Monday to Thursday, 9am – 4pm at the charity's Kingsclere office). General computer literacy is required, but full training on the library system will be given. Volunteers should be comfortable working both as a team and on their own. **(Ref: NY2388)**

Listening Volunteers Newbury



A listening service based in Newbury provides confidential emotional support to individuals experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that may lead to suicide. The service is looking for Listening Volunteers who can offer a safe space for people to share their feelings without fear of judgement. Listening Volunteers provide empathetic support that can help someone in their darkest moments. You will respond to people through calls, e-mails, online or face-to-face.

Volunteers commit to at least one 3-4 hour shift a week, including a night shift every five weeks. The role would suit reliable and empathetic volunteers with good listening skills. Comprehensive training and support is provided. **(Ref: NY2637)**

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. Ideally volunteers will commit to an hour and a half twice a week during term time, but once a week will be considered. **(Ref: NY769)**

Local Group Volunteer
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.

The charity is recruiting volunteers to join its local group. There are many possibilities for activities local group members can be involved with, but tasks may include collecting tools from requests made by the general public, promoting the charity to generate local tool donation requests, storing tools and arrange collection, sorting and carrying out basic tool refurbishment, visiting local events and giving talks to encourage support.

You decide when you meet, collect tools and carry out refurbishment – most local groups meet 2-3 days a week between them. **(Ref: NY2400)**

Local news writers & broadcasters
Newbury



A community radio station is looking for keen volunteers to write news stories for its website. If you are interested in local radio and news impacting West Berkshire communities, this could be a great opportunity for you.

Training will be given and there are existing sources for news which can be used. As well as the chance to write news and learn how to operate the website, there is also the opportunity to record stories and broadcast. This role can be done in a few hours a week to suit your availability. This role requires good writing skills. An ability to use common software tools such as WordPress is helpful, but training can be provided. A sense of being part of the local community and a wish to share interesting stories is key. **(Ref: NY2517)**

Lunch Club Volunteers
Lambourn



An initiative in Lambourn provides a safe, warm place to meet and have a free meal for those impacted by the cost of living and rural isolation. Lunch club sessions offer good company and a delicious hot meal without pressure or judgement.

Volunteer help is needed for the lunch club between 11:30 and 13:00 each Thursday. The role involves setting up the hall and then serving food to club participants. No experience is required and food handling training will be given. The role would be a good fit for those who enjoy meeting people and making others feel welcome. **(Ref: NY2495)**

M

Maintenance Team Volunteer
Hampstead Norreys



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

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

Market Support Assistant
Hungerford



A Hungerford based organisation promotes nutritional, sustainable and affordable food and cooking. It also encourages food waste reduction. The organisation holds monthly food and artisan markets in the town, and help is needed to set up and run them.

As part of a small team of volunteers, you'll be involved with setting up tables, chairs and gazebos, meeting and greeting and asking for donations. Help is also needed with updating and putting up advertising signs around Hungerford ten days before each market.

The markets run on the second Sunday of the month (April to October). The role would suit volunteers with team spirit and a good sense of humour. **(Ref: NY2647)**

Marketing and Social Media Manager
Newbury



Help a charity that promotes the use of the canal and its boat trips by volunteering as a marketing/social media manager. They are looking to bring their marketing and media presence into modern times – could you use your skills and enthusiasm to help? The organisation draws on some help from local media, but would like to expand this.

Knowledge and experience around marketing and the use of social media would be ideal, but they are looking for someone who wants to evolve things, get involved, come up with ideas and challenge the way things are done at the moment. The charity holds meetings once a quarter in Newbury (Wednesday evenings), but the role is hybrid. **(Ref: NY2518)**

**Meals on Wheels
Volunteers**
Newbury



A local charity that promotes the wellbeing of older people in the Newbury and Thatcham area needs more drivers to assist with the delivery of meals on wheels.

This vital service is needed to help people who find it hard to prepare their own meals and do their own shopping. For them, it is a lifeline, and their families can feel reassured they are having a hot meal. There are rounds covering North, South and Central Newbury and the Thatcham area, with about 10-15 deliveries on each round. Drivers are needed Monday to Friday and on Sundays and the time required is 11:30am to 1pm. Ideal for caring, friendly people who have empathy with the needs of the elderly. **(Ref: NY1123)**

Meeting Minute Taker
Newbury



A volunteer is required to assist the chair of a local suicide prevention organisation to arrange meetings and keep the membership of the group up-to-date. The volunteer would be required to attend up to four meetings a year to take the minutes of the meeting. Meetings are on Friday mornings in Newbury starting at 10am and last two hours. It would take 2-3 hours to type up the minutes and agree them with the chair.

It would be useful for the volunteer to attend the group's half-day suicide prevention course to understand the work of their outreach worker. The role would suit a volunteer with an interest in suicide prevention who is able to listen to discussion which for some people may be triggering. The ideal volunteer will have experience in writing minutes, excellent English and spelling and be competent in using Word and e-mail. **(Ref: NY2572)**

**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 3-6 hours a week, spread across two days (Tuesday and Thursday afternoons). Volunteers should be friendly and approachable, with good knowledge of gardening and allotments and an awareness of mental health. **(Ref: NY2084)**

Mentor
Reading area



A charitable project covering the Reading area supports young people aged 11-25 who face disadvantage through mentoring and creating opportunities. They match young people to volunteer mentors who act as a role model, with support tailored to each individual's needs and aspirations.

Mentoring may cover areas such as sustaining education or employment, engaging positively in school and the local community, steering away from crime and risk-taking behaviour and developing positive social-emotional development, wellbeing and self-esteem.

Mentors commit to a minimum of twelve months of volunteering for around an hour a week. 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)**

Mentor and Presenter
Newbury



A Newbury charity offers support to out-of-work managers and professionals, especially older and more experienced workers. This opportunity is to be a member of the team who present information to job seekers and offer 1:1 support.

The two-hour meetings take place weekly on Wednesdays during term-time, beginning at 1:45pm. Volunteers commit to host or present two or three meetings per term. In this role, volunteers need to prepare in advance using provided content, facilitate the meetings and prepare a write-up to send out following the meeting, as well as set up the room and pack away (approximately 4-5 hours in total). Volunteers also make time to do 1:1 support. Volunteers need recent white collar work experience, together with sensitivity and understanding, strong cognitive skills and emotional intelligence. **(Ref: NY2589)**

Minibus Escort
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 disabilities.

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

The charity is looking for cover on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, 8:45-10:00am and/or afternoons from 2.55-4.00pm. This is not a driving role, so is open to those who do not have a driving licence. It is envisaged that this will be a shared role amongst several volunteers. **(Ref: NY1773)**

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)**

Mindfulness Walk Volunteers
Newbury



Do you want to give back to the community and help support adults experiencing mental health problems in their recovery? A charity which improves the lives of those experiencing mental health problems through physical activity needs volunteers to help at a weekly Mindfulness Walk in Newbury.

In this role, you will welcome attendees, chat to group members and make new attendees feel welcome, enable people to walk at their own pace and regroup at different points, and make sure a safe, supporting and engaging environment is provided.

Time commitment is 1-1.5 hours every Monday, with the walk running from 12.45-1.45pm. The role would suit caring and patient volunteers. **(Ref: NY2332)**

Minute Taker Volunteer
Newbury



Volunteer Centre West Berkshire is looking for a volunteer who can accompany our CEO on various days throughout the month to minute take and write up the minutes and actions of our forum meetings. These forums provide an opportunity for voluntary sector organisations to support each other and work together.

Meetings take place during the week, daytime. We are looking for someone for varied days - often mornings but sometimes afternoons too. Meetings are typically quarterly for 2 hours on every day of the week and then there will be the time to write up and send the minutes and update the action list. The role would suit someone with excellent English who has experience of minute taking and is competent in using Word and e-mail. **(Ref: NY2631)**

Mock Interviews/Guess My Job/Spotlight on Careers Volunteers
West Berkshire



A charity aims to inspire the future workforce and ensure young people are well prepared for the world and achieve their potential. Business professionals volunteer with them across a wide variety of the programmes and initiatives they run, sharing their knowledge about the world of work and how they progressed in their careers.

Volunteers are needed to interview students at school mock interview days, spotlight on careers sessions (whereby you run a workshop informing students about the benefits of working for the company or sector you represent) and guess my job (where students see if they can guess the career the person is doing). Events are mainly in Newbury and the surrounding areas of West Berkshire/ **(Ref: NY2543)**

Mock Interviews
West Berkshire



A charity aims to inspire the future workforce and ensure young people are well prepared for the world and achieve their potential. Volunteers are needed to interview students at school mock interview days.

At these events, each student participates in a 15-20 minute interview slot, which includes them getting feedback. Volunteers will be fully briefed on the day. The aim is to raise awareness, aspirations and confidence for a student to have an interview, usually for the first time, in a school environment.

Time commitment can be 8:30 to 14:00 or as much time as you can give. This role would suit open minded volunteers who can talk about themselves/their career path and who have had interview experience (having an interview or having interviewed). **(Ref: NY2620)**

Money Advisor
Newbury



Are you friendly and approachable? Can you explain complex issues in an understandable way? A Newbury-based charity is looking for volunteers who can give guidance to others around money. In this role, you will guide and support clients through resolving their problems (this might include writing letters, making phone calls or referring to other organisations) and write up the clients' problems and action taken. Examples of what you might be involved in include helping clients with debts and benefits, exploring what benefits a client is entitled to, helping complete benefits application forms and finding strategies to helping someone deal with debts.

Advisors commit to 12 hours weekly, across two days (the service is open Monday to Wednesday); training is provided, and volunteers need excellent IT skills. **(Ref: NY2485)**

**Multimedia
Journalist/Journalism
Researcher/Trainee**
Thatcham



A new community radio service for Thatcham is looking for journalist volunteers. In this role, you will look for stories, events and announcements relevant to Thatcham and record engaging features, bulletins and interviews for broadcast on air and content for the service's web site and social media. Volunteers will build contacts with local businesses, government organisations and charities as well as monitor web sites and the output of other local media organisations.

Volunteers will need to use their handheld devices or borrow one from the station. For hosting shows, you would need to download software to a laptop; volunteers can be trained in using the software and editing. Time commitment is 2 to 8 hours a week. The role would suit computer literate volunteers with good communication skills. **(Ref: NY2523)**

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 for Health
Volunteer**
Newbury



Do you want to explore the benefits of being outdoors? Do you want to learn more about the world of gardening? Do you have gardening skills you could share?

A new project in Newbury runs sessions on Thursdays (9:30-12:30) at which you can help develop a community garden.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are keen gardener, a novice or want to come along to meet others. **(Ref: NY2386)**

**Neighbourhood Watch
Co-Ordinators**
West Berkshire



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

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

Help reduce crime rates by volunteering for this important role. Co-ordinators will receive free signs and stickers, and details of discounts available to scheme members. **(Ref: NY142)**

O

**Occasional Supporting
Volunteer**
Newbury



The Newbury branch of a charity that helps people with Parkinson's is looking for occasional volunteer help at the various fundraising events they hold throughout the year. Recent fundraising events have included comedy evenings, coffee mornings, race nights and a collection at the racecourse.

You might be involved in putting up a gazebo or arranging tables and chairs, dressing a table, assisting with coffee and cakes, meeting and greeting, helping with collections or putting up posters. You would be joining a friendly bunch of volunteers and your help would be very much appreciated. Time commitment is 1-30 hours a year. **(Ref: NY2368)**

Odd Jobs/General Help

West Berkshire



A local charity provides holidays on purpose-built canal boats for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people and their carers. Could you carry out odd jobs and provide general help?

This role involves getting the boat ready between hires, and checking everything is in order before the next group arrives. It is a good social occasion, with a break for coffee and lardy cake!

Boat "turnarounds" take place on Friday and Saturday mornings throughout the summer. Over the winter, there are maintenance days every Tuesday (mainly mornings, but often going on into early afternoon) and there are always jobs that need doing, from varnishing barge poles to weeding the wharf area. No experience is needed as on the job training is given. Volunteering takes place in Great Bedwyn. **(Ref: NY2634)**

Offender Mentor

West Berkshire



A local project is recruiting volunteer mentors for two of its schemes. The adult scheme helps those coming out of prison, making sure they are socially included, comfortable and safe. Mentors may visit the offender before, during and after release from prison.

The young people's scheme supports vulnerable young people by engaging with them and offering support and guidance.

Both schemes aim to provide the mentee with support and guidance in addressing their offending behaviour. A mentor may signpost to local agencies, helping with form filling and navigating the local community.

Time commitment is three hours a week, usually during the day. The role would suit empathetic and non-judgemental volunteers. **(Ref: NY1721)**

Online Moderator

West Berkshire



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

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

Online Peer Support

West Berkshire



Volunteer to provide online one-to-one and group support to both individuals who gamble and those affected by someone else's gambling. This role asks you to have personal lived experience of gambling-related harms. This includes being affected by someone else's gambling. You should have been in positive, sustained recovery for at least one year before volunteering for this role.

In this role, you will help navigate and guide contacts through existing services, use motivational interviewing skills to provide a supportive and non-judgmental space, facilitate discussions (via e-mail, chatrooms and forums) and help individuals set goals. Time commitment is a minimum of 1-2 hours per week and this is flexible. The role is remote - you'll need an internet connection, computer and confidential space. **(Ref: NY2562)**

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)**

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 five-week accredited training course. On completion of the training, you will offer friendship and support to other parents, visiting a family at home on a weekly basis (time commitment is up to four hours a week, usually mornings). This exciting and rewarding voluntary activity requires energy, commitment, reliability, creativity and good organisational skills. **(Ref: NY2)**

Parent Governor

Newbury



A local education provider supports students unable to access mainstream classes. As many of their learners are only with them for a short time, they have had difficulty recruiting a Parent Governor, and are therefore looking for one from the wider community. They are particularly interested in someone who is a parent of school-aged children, primary or secondary.

In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring clarity of strategic direction, hold executive leaders to account for the organisation's educational performance and oversee finances, ensuring money is well spent. Meetings are held 2 or 3 times a term, in the main on Tuesdays, early evening, in Newbury. You will also need to be able to visit education units for 1 to 2 hours once or twice a term. **(Ref: NY2561)**

Parish Councillor

Speen



Do you live or work in the parish of Speen? Volunteers are required to join the friendly team of parish councillors, helping making a difference to the lives of local people. Parish councillors decide how public funds are spent and help shape the future of the parish. The role is varied – from consulting on planning applications to helping at community events.

Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week, with evening meetings of 1-2 hours once or twice per month (depending on which committees you opt to join) and flexible working via e-mail/telephone. The role would suit people who are passionate about the area - you will need to commit to being active within the community, openly engaging with parishioners about local projects. **(Ref: NY2559)**

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 Newbury, Thatcham, Calcot, Tilehurst, Theale, Pangbourne and Burghfield. **(Ref: NY2151)**

Play Support Assistant

Thatcham



A local charity that provides play and friendship for children with disabilities and their families is seeking play support volunteers.

The role involves helping engage the children in fun-filled play opportunities, supporting before, during and after the session. Volunteers will help children within groups or one-to-one. Other duties include cleaning and tidying and setting areas up.

Days and hours are flexible – there are sessions Monday to Sunday. This role would suit reliable, patient and non-judgemental volunteers who are willing to learn skills. You can volunteer for this role from age 14. **(Ref: NY2492)**

Project Buddy
West Berkshire



A local project helps people who experience loneliness and social isolation and are unable to access digital media. It offers an easy-to-use speaker along with memory sticks pre-loaded with spoken word and music content, supporting people to maintain their interests and feel connected.

The project is looking for volunteer buddies who can commit a few hours a week to contact those using the service by phone or in person. The aim is to hold informal conversations to understand what listeners enjoy and get their feedback on what they want to hear in the future. The role also involves visiting clients to supply and collect memory sticks. The role would suit a caring volunteer with strong interpersonal skills and the majority of the role can be done from home. **(Ref: NY2534)**

Project Coordinator
West Berkshire



A local project helps people who experience loneliness and social isolation and are unable to access digital media. It offers an easy-to-use speaker along with memory sticks pre-loaded with spoken word and music content, supporting people to maintain their interests and feel connected.

The project is looking for a coordinator who can commit to between half and one day a week, with an additional couple of days each month to approve content and coordinate the delivery of memory sticks. The role involves coordinating sourcing material (for example, from local performers and radio stations), engaging with clients to understand and discuss their interests, visiting clients when required to collect memory sticks, working with care homes to provide content, managing e-mails and attending bi-monthly meetings. The role would suit a volunteer with strong interpersonal skills who can coordinate a small team and has an understanding of social isolation. The majority of the volunteering can be done from home. **(Ref: NY2532)**

Project development – nature corridor
Newbury



The local group of a national environmental campaigning community pushes for change on causes which matter.

This is an opportunity to get involved in a whole range of activities, from the practical work they are doing (e.g. planting) to more desk-based research to develop their project (e.g. implementing an effective mapping tool). Setting up systems to monitor wildlife and evaluate the project's success is part of this role, and also occasional fundraising with other team members.

Time commitment is variable and flexible and research would be home desk-based, with occasional team meetings. If you could allocate three hours per week to R&D, that would be great, as would be the ability to join in work parties in Newbury (generally weekday mornings). The ideal volunteer will have a love of the outdoors and nature, and it would be helpful if to be familiar with general conservation and environmental issues. **(Ref: NY2622)**

Publicity Officer
West Berkshire



The West Berkshire branch of a national organisation runs regular walks in the local and surrounding areas, as well as coach walks further afield. The branch is looking for a volunteer Publicity Officer. In this role, you will help increase awareness of the benefits of walking; promote the group's work in print, by social media and in person; arrange stands/displays at events and make sure local information is consistent with national policy.

There are four or five committee meetings a year (in the evening) and you would prepare a report for each. The role involves approving Facebook content and preparing copy for a magazine a few times each year. You will need to be competent using a computer and writing documents, have enthusiasm for walking, a sense of humour and good written and verbal communication skills. Knowledge of social media is an advantage. **(Ref: NY2548)**

Publicity volunteer with an interest in disability
West Berkshire



Do you have an interest in disability? The local branch of a charity that provides custom-made equipment and gadgets to increase the independence of those with disabilities is seeking a publicity volunteer.

In this role, you'll engineer local and regional media coverage, create items for posting on social media, identify relevant organisations and professionals to give presentations to and produce a periodic newsletter.

Time commitment is flexible and this role could be fitted in at evenings and weekends for those working. You would volunteer from home, and the role might suit a retired journalist or PR pro wanting to put their editorial and communication skills to use. **(Ref: NY2669)**

Puppy Foster Parent
West Berkshire



A national assistance dog charity is looking for volunteer puppy foster parents who can care for a dog in their home as a temporary placement, ranging from day cover to a few weeks.

You will provide care and exercise for the puppy and maintain training and development plans. Volunteers will need to be at home for most of the day and have access to their own transport. Full training and guidance will be provided. **(Ref: NY2641)**

Puppy Parent Volunteer
West Berkshire



A national assistance dog charity is searching for amazing volunteers locally to help care for their puppies in training who will grow up to change the life of a disabled person. Puppy Parent Volunteers provide caring homes and help raise, socialise and train puppies and young dogs with support from the charity's expert trainers.

This a long-term volunteer role as the puppy/dog will live with you from 8 weeks old until it is ready to progress into advanced training (14-18 months old). Volunteers will need to be at home for most of the day and have access to a car. Full training and ongoing guidance will be provided. **(Ref: NY2392)**

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 engaging with a puppy training programme, providing care and support, socialising your puppy and introducing them to a variety of environments to increase confidence, teaching the puppy to be comfortable alone, taking the puppy to monthly classes, meeting regular with a volunteer manager and completing short questionnaires.

Volunteers will need access to a car, have time to invest in raising and be physically able to handle large breed dogs (around 25-40kg). **(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)**

Reception/Front of House
Baughurst



Volunteers with a ready smile are being recruited to provide a friendly welcome to customers at a project in Baughurst. Monthly Sunday morning sessions are being held whereby local residents can bring along their portable household and personal items to be fixed, helping reduce landfill waste and saving the cost of buying replacements.

In this reception/front of house role, you will be the first person customers see. You will guide the customer through the booking in of their broken item and direct them to the repair zone, keeping them informed of any delays and managing the queue. The role would suit calm and approachable volunteers who are computer literate and enjoy working as a team to deliver a great service. **(Ref: NY2475)**

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 Agency Liaison
West Berkshire



A local charity that provides essential support for those in our community who have a short-term food need is seeking a Referral Agency Liaison volunteer. Vouchers are issued by referral agencies, which individuals can then use to obtain emergency food parcels. This role involves developing the charity's relationship with referral agencies, actively extending its network, making new contacts and identifying new opportunities.

You will issue and distribute vouchers to referral agencies, share best practice and link with volunteers to identify key learnings and review data on the vouchers. Time commitment is a minimum of four hours weekly on a weekday during working hours. Volunteering can be from home or the charity's warehouse. The role would suit a volunteer with excellent communication, interpersonal and public speaking skills. **(Ref: NY2445)**

Rehabilitation Support Volunteer
West Berkshire



Do you have empathy, an interest in criminal justice and rehabilitation and a firm set of personal boundaries? A charity with an excellent reputation for reducing re-offending is looking to recruit individuals who, along with other volunteers, will play a vital role in forming a 'Circle of Support and Accountability' around an individual who has been convicted of sexual harm.

You will receive extensive training and ongoing supervision and support. By actively contributing to the rehabilitation and reintegration process, you'll directly reduce the impact of sexually harmful behaviours on potential victims. Time commitment is 2-3 hours a week. **(Ref: NY1400)**

Repairers or Fixers
Baughurst



A project in Baughurst is running a monthly Sunday morning session whereby local residents can bring along their portable household and personal items to be fixed, helping reduce landfill waste and saving the cost of buying replacements.

The group is looking for volunteers for the sessions who have the skills to repair items and help people. Skills such as electronic, mechanical, mobile phones, computers, carpentry/woodwork, furniture, sewing, jewellery, clock mending, tool sharpening and fixing bikes are invaluable. Repairers are encouraged to involve the owner in the mending of items as much as possible. The role would suit those who enjoy interacting with people and working as a team to deliver a great service. There is currently a particular need for volunteers who can guide on the use of mobile phones or fix costume jewellery. **(Ref: NY2590)**

Riding Assistant
Lambourn



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

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. The role would suit personable, fun volunteers. **(Ref: NY1940)**

S

Sales Assistant
Newbury



A Newbury donation centre raises funds to support vulnerable people in the UK. Could you help them by becoming a Voluntary Sales Assistant?

In this role, you will help display products/clothing on the shop floor, assist customers, promote Gift Aid to donors and assist in the sorting and preparation of stock.

The role would suit someone with excellent customer service skills and a good level of literacy and numeracy skills together with basic IT skills. Previous experience of a customer facing environment would be useful. The hours are flexible. **(Ref: NY2374)**

School Ambassadors

West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity works in schools helping children develop their reading skills.

They are looking for School Ambassadors to help them engage with more primary schools to deliver their service. The role will involve identifying schools that need support, approaching schools and advising them of the service and presenting the charity's work to local headteachers and school governors.

Time commitment is two hours a month. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers who are connected with the local community. Experience of working in schools or an active involvement with schools would be useful. **(Ref: NY2337)**

School Governor

Brightwalton



A primary school northwest of Newbury is looking to recruit new governors to its board. The board both supports and challenges the headteacher in the strategic direction of the popular village school. This is an opportunity to support both the children's education and the staff. The role involves both administrative tasks and occasional school visits.

There are approximately two meetings each half term, which are a hybrid of face-to-face and Zoom. The meetings are generally early evening, although one committee meets early morning. This is an opportunity to bring to the board your skills (perhaps financial, educational or managerial) but above all your enthusiasm for supporting the educational opportunities of the next generation. **(Ref: NY2407)**

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 Holiday 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 over the school holidays.

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 help is needed for sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (10:00-3:00).

The play sessions promote social and emotional wellbeing for the children who attend, and allow families to feel supported. **(Ref: NY2329)**

Schools Liaison Officer

West Berkshire



A local organisation run purely by volunteers focuses on the reduction of single use plastics. They would love to be able to liaise with schools in more detail on the Plastic Free Schools initiative, and are being approached for involvement in environmental activities. As a volunteer Schools Liaison Officer, you would be involved in speaking to school eco representatives, create literature and give presentations in school assemblies and share ideas between schools and discuss how children can engage. You will work with the existing volunteer team to draw on expertise and consider ideas.

The role would suit someone with a passion for the environment, an ability to create engaging presentations and documents and a sense of humour. Previous work with school children would be a benefit. Time commitment is expected to be no more than two hours a week. The volunteers also meet once a month in Thatcham. **(Ref: NY2597)**

Schools Service Volunteer

West Berkshire



A national charity that protects children is seeking School Service Volunteers locally. By becoming a volunteer, you will play a vital role in protecting a generation of children, helping them understand abuse and giving them the confidence to speak out if they need help.

Volunteers will visit local primary schools twice a month to deliver age-appropriate workshops. You'll get lots of initial training and support will be available when you start delivering.

The role would suit empathetic and sensitive volunteers with good communication skills, who are passionate about helping children. **(Ref: NY2376)**

Schools Triathlon Event Volunteer
Bradfield



A youth organisation is needing volunteers to help at the a schools triathlon event being held in Bradfield on Sunday 18th May 2025. The event raises money for the organisation as well as other local charities.

As a volunteer, you will help ensure the event is a success and could be involved with meeting and greeting athletes, helping at the different race areas or handing out medals and sweets to finishers. You can volunteer for the whole or half a day. The role would suit warm and welcoming volunteers who are willing to get stuck in. You'll be outside and on your feet a lot so will need to be comfortable in this environment. **(Ref: NY2565)**

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)**

Secretary (taking minutes and organising)
West Berkshire



A forum made up of representatives from the GP practice Patient Participation Groups and other health bodies meets four or five times a year (usually online) so they can all learn from each other. The group is seeking a volunteer secretary. The role involves taking meeting minutes (meetings are recorded), helping set agendas, organising meetings such as sending out dates and agendas, and other administrative tasks.

Time commitment is expected to be 6-8 hours every few months. The role would suit an organised volunteer with good notetaking and summarising skills, who is able to write clear English and is proficient in Microsoft Word. Meetings are currently held at 5:30pm on Thursdays (timings may change in future and ideally they are looking for someone who could manage any time, afternoon or evening). **(Ref: NY2579)**

Shop Assistant
Newbury



A free pre-loved school uniform service is looking for help in its Newbury shop. In this role, you will greet customers, assist with finding required sizes, sort and tag donations, fold and bag items making a note of what has been taken, encourage cash or card donations and process card payments. Items will be folded, tidied and sorted throughout the shift.

The role would suit friendly volunteers with good communication and customer service skills, and the ability to manage a busy environment. Time commitment is four hours a month outside school holidays. During holidays, it would be up to you how many hours you do but a minimum of one shift weekly. Shifts are flexible but a minimum of three hours. The role would initially be on Saturdays or occasional Thursday afternoons. **(Ref: NY2556)**

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)**

Shopmobility Volunteer
Newbury



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

A volunteer is required to help out on any day between 10:00am and 3pm, Monday to Saturday, although these hours are flexible. The role involves meeting and greeting people, having chats and advising visitors about the scheme. You will be trained to give instructions on using the equipment. Ideal for a volunteer who is computer literate with a "hands on" approach and a welcoming personality. **(Ref: NY698)**

Short term dog care
West Berkshire



A charity that trains assistance dogs for deaf people is looking for volunteers to help with respite car for their young dogs whilst their main carer is on holiday or in the case of an emergency.

You will need to have a home with access to a secure garden and be committed for looking after a dog for at least 4-5 days a month at a time (the role is not suitable for full-time workers). Volunteers should be drivers with 24 hour access to a vehicle and have access to a computer with video calling. Full support will be provided. **(Ref: NY2659)**

Sighted Guides
West Berkshire



Sight loss can take away independence and confidence. Could you become a guide to help someone with visual impairment learn and practice a route? A goal is set to make sure you and the individual know what they want to achieve – this could be learning a route to the bus stop or train station, navigating the way to a local café or gym, or walking to work or college. In this role, you will help someone gain confidence to go out independently.

The role would suit friendly volunteers with patience and empathy. Volunteers do not need experience of sight loss as full training is given so you become a Level 1 Sighted Guide. Time commitment varies but is usually 2-3 hours per fortnight. **(Ref: NY2418)**

Singing Group Assistant
Newbury



A local arts organisation is looking for a volunteer to support at singing sessions. The sessions are led by a professional singer who uses group singing to promote relaxation and wellbeing. The sessions, held in Newbury, provide a relaxed environment in which to sing, and are often attended by those dealing with mental health recovery.

In this role, you will prep the studio for the session, pulling out the piano, putting out chairs and setting up the tea/coffee table, and pack away at the end. The role also involves taking a register, distributing song sheets and supporting participants through song, a chat or with a hot drink. Sessions are on Friday mornings during term-time, and help is needed between 9:45 and 11:45. The role would suit a compassionate volunteer who enjoys music and is a good listener. **(Ref: NY2584)**

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 museum visits, theatre trips, walks, boat trips and lunches. They are looking for volunteers to attend, support and guide participants and to join in the fun.

Time commitment varies and is very flexible – as a volunteer, you would be sent the activities calendar each month and would then decide what you wanted to support with. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2225)**

Social Group Volunteer
Kingsclere



Volunteers are being recruited to help at a social group for older people in Kingsclere. This informal, friendly social group offers a range of fun and engaging activities to support and promote the wellbeing of older people – everything from quizzes and games to chair exercises and singing. As a volunteer, you will help run the activities, prepare refreshments and help with occasional outings.

Training will be given, and the role would suit friendly and helpful volunteers who enjoy being part of a team. The sessions run on Tuesdays, 11am-1pm. **(Ref: NY2414)**

Social Media Support
West Berkshire



A local charity which works with those who are homeless to help them find accommodation and employment is looking for a volunteer to support with social media. They need help with Facebook, Instagram and their web site to keep up to date with what they are doing and get their message out into the community.

Time commitment is expected to be 1-2 hours a week. This is a home-based role and would suit someone with social media experience who could work alongside the charity's trustees and befrienders. **(Ref: NY2615)**

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)**

Speaker
West Berkshire



Could you deliver inspiring talks and workshops about the importance of clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to transform people's lives for good? An organisation that works internationally and is determined to make these available to all is recruiting volunteer speakers locally.

In this role, you will talk about important work of the organisation, inspiring people to take action. Volunteers will need availability to deliver a minimum of four talks a year, to organisations such as schools, businesses and groups. The role would suit those with a passion for public speaking who are competent using PowerPoint. Volunteers should also have access to their own transport and flexibility to visit different locations. **(Ref: NY2370)**

Speaker
West Berkshire



A national assistance dog charity is looking for volunteer speakers. This role involves giving talks to a variety of groups, schools and organisations within the local area, raising awareness of the charity and promoting their fundraising events.

Times can vary, and you can choose which talks you attend (talks are mainly during the week, with some evenings and weekends). The role would suit a volunteer with a polite, confident and personable manner with experience of PowerPoint and of public speaking or delivering presentations. **(Ref: NY2639)**

Special Need Support Volunteer
Hamstead Marshall



A farm project in Hamstead Marshall supports adults with learning disabilities and difficulties. The farm grows fruit and veg, flowers and herbs, and provides an opportunity for clients to engage in purposeful activity while connecting with nature and interacting with peers and the community.

Volunteers are needed to help at the sessions. Volunteers will work alongside the gardener to put together tasks for the day and help ensure they achieve their goals. The role would suit volunteers who enjoy gardening and being outside and are passionate about supporting those with special needs. The role is available on Mondays and Thursdays (10:00-3:00). **(Ref: NY2385)**

Sports Assistant
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. The charity runs both adults' and children's activities.

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

Time commitment varies and is very flexible – as a volunteer, you would sent an activities calendar each month and then decide what you wanted to support with. The role would suit friendly and patient volunteers who enjoy being part of a team, and training will be given. **(Ref: NY2226)**

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)**

Stock Processor
Newbury



A Newbury charity shop is looking for volunteer stock processors to join their team. In this role, you will volunteer in the dedicated processing area, sorting through donated items and making them ready to go on the shop floor for sale.

Jobs that volunteers can get involved in include making customers feel welcome; rotating stock, sorting, steaming and tagging donations; serving at the till; housekeeping and tidying window displays. Time commitment is flexible, but a minimum of two hours a week works well. **(Ref: NY2489)**

Student Volunteer (18+)
West Berkshire



A charity which aims to bring chemotherapy treatment closer to the homes of cancer patients is recruiting student volunteers (18+). You could be hosting your own fundraiser, support the charity at a local event, attend community events on the charity's behalf or publicise the charity through your university network.

The role would suit reliable volunteers with an energetic and proactive personality, a willingness to get involved and talk about the charity's work and good communication skills. **(Ref: NY2586)**

Support Volunteers
Thatcham



A listening service based in Newbury provides confidential emotional support to individuals experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that may lead to suicide. Support Volunteers play a vital role behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the branch.

This role may include organising and assisting at events, community outreach and promotion, handling administrative tasks, managing schedules and helping with practical tasks. The role would suit empathetic and reliable volunteers. **(Ref: NY2638)**

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Tactile Picture Painter for books for blind children
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 3+ hours per week (the role is available Monday to Thursday daytime). The role would suit someone who enjoys painting. **(Ref: NY2266)**

Tearoom Assistant
Basildon



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

Volunteers will talk to visitors whilst they are being served, clear trays and tables, help with washing up and ensure there is sufficient cutlery and crockery. The role would suit enthusiastic and friendly volunteers who enjoy meeting people. Time commitment is preferable fortnightly, and the role is available seven days a week (mainly 11:00-3:00). **(Ref: NY1804)**

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 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.

As a telephone befriender, you would make weekly calls to a person with sight loss. 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. After the call, you complete a short online form to record that you spoke and to let the charity know if anything needs to be followed up.

The role would suit good listeners with a cheerful disposition. **(Ref: NY2142)**

Telephone Buddy
West Berkshire



Bring your listening skills to support people living with cancer to feel less isolated and lonely. A leading cancer charity is recruiting volunteer telephone buddies.

The role involves speaking to 1-3 people living with cancer every week for up to twelve calls, adopting a non-judgemental and supportive approach, completing post-call reports, joining group catch-up calls every 4-6 weeks and signposting to additional support if required.

Days/times are flexible but you would usually commit 1-2 hours a month. The role would suit patient and reliable volunteers with good empathy and communication skills. **(Ref: NY2473)**

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)**

Team Administrator
West Berkshire



A local voluntary group helps people stay warmer and reduce their energy bills by fixing gaps that cause draughts. The group is seeking a dedicated volunteer team administrator. The primary responsibility of the role is to liaise with clients and volunteers to coordinate visits to houses and ensure effective appointment scheduling. You will maintain records of appointments and volunteer availability, communicating effectively via phone, e-mail and texts.

This is a remote role, with the volunteer team getting together occasionally. The role would suit an organised volunteer with strong interpersonal skills, familiarity with computers and the ability to use office software. The role requires one hour per week. **(Ref: NY2459)**

Team Members
Ufton Nervet



Volunteers with a sense of adventure are required to support young people at Scout activities in Ufton Nervet. The team are all volunteers and help to run the exciting activities alongside the young. From abseiling to zorbing – they do it all!

The groups where you can help are Beavers (Tuesday evenings), Cubs (8-10 years) and Scouts (10-14 years). You do not need any previous experience and training is provided. You just need to enjoy being part of a team and learning new skills. Time commitment can be flexible to fit around other commitments. **(Ref: NY2573)**

Team Members – Youth
Thattham



Would you like to volunteer supporting children/young people in Thattham? Do you have a sense of adventure?

A Thattham Scout group is looking for help at Squirrels (4-6 years) on Saturday mornings, Beavers (6-8 years) on Tuesday evenings or Cubs (8-10 years) on Monday evenings. This volunteering opportunity involves helping to plan and run the exciting programme of activities for the children, as well as go on fun outings. From abseiling to zorbing, camping to coding, they do it all! The role would suit volunteers who enjoy being part of a team and learning new skills. **(Ref: NY2625)**

Team Members – Youth Work
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). **(Ref: NY2161)**

Thattham Event Ambassadors
Thattham



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

A programme of exciting events in Thattham is planned. The main event is a Family Fun day on in 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)**

Therapist Volunteers
West Berkshire



Are you a qualified therapist in acupuncture, reflexology, massage, mindfulness, reiki or yoga? A charity dedicated to empowering people with cancer by providing complementary therapies is recruiting compassionate volunteer therapists. The charity can provide materials and help towards reasonable travel costs.

Volunteers will need to be empathetic and have excellent communication skills. You will need to provide certificates of qualifications and insurance and be a member of a governing body if relevant. Volunteers receive induction and mandatory training. Therapies are offered Monday-Thursday daytime in Stockcross – most volunteers provide three hours on a weekly or twice weekly basis. Yoga and mindfulness therapists usually run a 6-8 week course, virtually or in person, daytime or evening a few times each year. **(Ref: NY2563)**

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.

Volunteers generally come in once a week for about four hours – the regular session for volunteers is 9:00am – 1:00pm on Mondays. A list of jobs can be left if you can only make another time. **(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 Burghfield and Mortimer gives families the opportunity to borrow a wide range of children's toys and puzzles at a very low cost.

Volunteers are required to welcome families and explain how the service works. You would facilitate loans, completing the necessary paperwork, collecting money and issuing the toys. When toys are returned, they are checked and the paperwork is amended. At the start of the session, toys are taken out of the cupboard to display to families and returned at the end.

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)**

Trainer
West Berkshire



Do you have a background in education, teaching or a related field? Join the team at a Berkshire charity which supports children with learning to read. Through the charity's core work in primary schools, they have realised that when students haven't developed strong literacy skills, they struggle with keeping up with reading in secondary. The charity has expanded its services but needs volunteers to help with the workshops.

You will play a crucial role in equipping students and parents with the tools and strategies to support students in improving their reading. You will work alongside a volunteer trainer and a charity trustee. The workshops currently happen about once every other month for two hours and are generally during school hours, term time only. The role would suit a volunteer with strong communication skills who is experienced in the teaching of reading. **(Ref: NY2554)**

Treasurer
Thatcham



A Thatcham Scout group is seeking a dedicated volunteer to fill the role of treasurer on its trustee board. This role is key to ensuring financial transparency and maintaining the group's financial health. Key responsibilities are managing the group's finances, preparing and presenting financial reports to the board and overseeing budgeting processes and fundraising initiatives.

There is one meeting per term (typically after 6pm during the week) and four local community events the group attends each year. While any bookkeeping or accounting experience is beneficial, it's not essential – the current treasurer will provide guidance to anyone interested. **(Ref: NY2613)**

Treasurer
Newbury



A Newbury Scout group is looking for a treasurer to join them as part of their dedicated and enthusiastic team of trustees. The treasurer will be responsible for managing the finances of the group. This involves regular income and expenditure of circa £6,500 per annum. The role can mostly be fulfilled online and will take 3-4 hours a month. There are also five trustee meetings a year (held in the evenings).

The role would suit an enthusiastic volunteer who is willing to get involved and enjoys being part of a team. Experience with Excel and managing an income and expenditure account will be useful. **(Ref: NY2617)**

Treasurer
Newbury



The local group of a national environmental campaigning community pushes for change on causes which matter and has been responsible for the planting and maintenance of wooded areas. The group is looking to recruit a volunteer treasurer.

The role involves preparing annual accounts, maintaining income and expenditure records and monitoring bank statements. Ideally, they would also appreciate help with fundraising. They hope that the volunteer would like to participate in the group's various projects and work parties, to increase understanding and enjoyment, although it is not strictly part of the role. Time commitment is an hour a week at most (and a few extra half days at year end). The volunteering can be done mostly remotely, and would someone with bookkeeping experience and an enthusiasm for the environment. **(Ref: NY2619)**

Treasurer
Newbury



A Newbury charity owns and manages 16 modern flats that are let to families who cannot afford to buy or rent on the open market. The charity is seeking a volunteer treasurer.

They are looking for someone who is willing to accept responsibility and enjoys being part of a small team. You will need accountancy skills to draw up and monitor the annual budget, provide quarterly management accounts from QuickBooks, draft the year-end accounts and liaise with the Independent Examiner and banks and insurance brokers.

Board meetings take place every six weeks (Thursday evenings) where you would present the accounts. There are also quarter days focusing on finance. In the autumn, you would develop budget proposals for the coming year and early the next year to extend the year-end management accounts into draft statutory accounts. **(Ref: NY2379)**

Treasurer
Newbury



A well-established drop-in centre in Newbury serves food to anyone who may otherwise go without a hot meal. The charity is looking for a treasurer. In this role, you will be responsible for overseeing the charity's finances, including budgets, accounts and investments, and monitoring financial health. As a trustee, you would also be involved in setting the charity's strategic direction.

The role involves preparing financial reports and managing online accounts. The ideal volunteer will have financial experience, legal knowledge (familiarity with charity regulations), administrative skills, communication skills and ethical integrity. The treasurer will attend most monthly meetings and the AGM (held in the evenings). **(Ref: NY2635)**

Treasurer
Newbury



The local branch of a charity which supports expectant and new parents is seeking a treasurer. In this role, you will look after the charity's money following guidance and policies, help volunteers budget for groups and activities, keep a record of income and spending, process volunteer expenses, keep track of grant spending, and report quarterly using a simple online system.

This is a flexible role that can be done from home to suit you, and you can volunteer with as little as two hours a month. The role would suit an organised volunteer who is confident with numbers and who is passionate about supporting parents. **(Ref: NY2654)**

Treasurer
Newbury



A Newbury pre-school is looking for a new treasurer. As a volunteer, you'll become part of a charity committee striving to make sure the setting is an enjoyable and memorable one for the young children attending.

The role would suit someone with good book-keeping skills and a keen eye for detail. A person with accountancy qualifications would be preferable but not essential. It is estimated that 1-2 hours a week would be sufficient in order to maintain regular financial control of the accounts. There are 3-4 committee meetings each year at which attendance would be required (typically 90 minutes, held in the evening). You may also occasionally visit the bank to deposit cash and cheques. Financial control of the accounts can be achieved from home. **(Ref: NY2663)**

**Treasurer and
Bookkeeper**
Thattham



A volunteer treasurer is required to oversee the financial affairs of two churches in Thattham. In this role, you will oversee the production of financial reports, returns, accounts, financial controls and audits, ensuring proper records are kept. You will monitor and report on the financial health of the churches at regular intervals to the Parochial Church Council (six meetings a year, usually on a Wednesday evening).

Time commitment once familiar is expected to be a couple of hours a week. The role would suit a clear communicator and good team player with a can do attitude and a systematic approach to finance and organisation. **(Ref: NY2511)**

Trustee
Newbury



A Newbury charity runs creative activities such as drama, dance and filmmaking for young people and adults with learning disabilities. The charity is looking for a trustee who can help them fulfil their mission and objectives. Trustee meetings take place every three months with a continuous commitment from all members to promote events and raise awareness of the charity's work.

A background in advertising, law, communication, administration, funding, volunteer recruitment or HR would be beneficial but not essential. What is required is a good sense of humour and a commitment to continued development. **(Ref: NY1736)**

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
Newbury



Be instrumental in shaping the future of a mental health charity by becoming a volunteer trustee. You will ensure effective governance, support their mission and help them extend their reach and impact. You'll also champion service user empowerment and work collaboratively with their members' management committee.

Trustees need to actively participate in trustee meetings, typically every six weeks, lasting 1-3 hours (usually held in the evenings via Google Meet). Beyond this, the role can absorb as much time as you are able to commit. The role would suit a volunteer with excellent communication skills. Experience in one or more of the areas of fundraising, marketing, legal, financial, IT and HR would be desirable, but not essential. An understanding of the challenges faced by those with mental health issues is an advantage. **(Ref: NY2609)**

Trustee
West Berkshire/south of England



A charity which provides advocacy and supports the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in society is seeking trustees. The charity works primarily, but not solely in counties across the south of England, and covers West Berkshire.

In this role, you will help the charity develop its strategic direction and sustain innovative services to support vulnerable people in the community. Time commitment averages one day a month; meeting locations are flexible, and either face-to-face or virtual.

They are looking for volunteers who have some of the following - being a member of, or working in diverse or minority communities; having experience of using advocacy or support services; an interest in vulnerable people; an understanding of the voluntary sector; integrity and strategic direction; governance, finance or entrepreneurial experience; good communication and teamwork skills. **(Ref: NY2627)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



Are you an experienced HR professional with a commitment to social impact? A West Berkshire charity which provides free mental health support to young people is seeking a dedicated and skilled individual to join them as a trustee, bringing their expertise in Human Resources and helping shape future charitable endeavours.

The role involves providing strategic insight to enhance organisational structure and policies, overseeing development of new HR policies, ensuring compliance with employment law and good practice, collaborating with other trustees to shape HR policies and contributing to fostering an inclusive and supportive organisational culture. Trustees hold a bi-monthly meeting in the evening. Additional hours vary as appropriate. The role would suit a good communicator with proven HR expertise. **(Ref: NY2527)**

Trustee
Newbury



Trustees are required for a small and busy Newbury charity which provides low-cost accommodation to those in need.

The ideal candidates will bring to the board of trustees one or more of the following - management experience in a not for profit or commercial environment, a track record of business and financial acumen or a social work background. The charity is looking for someone who is committed to the work of the charity and understands the principles of good governance.

There are four trustee meetings per year; trustee meetings are usually held on a Monday at 1pm and last a maximum of two hours. **(Ref: NY1927)**

Trustee
Newbury



A small charity promotes, maintains and advances education and appreciation of the arts in West Berkshire and the surrounding area. It runs art-based workshops, an art hub café and events, and also aims to improve people's wellbeing and inclusion through these.

The charity is looking for new trustees to help advance its aims. They are looking for help in many areas, including PR, fundraising, health and safety, general HR and administration. The role would suit enthusiastic team players who are friendly and approachable, ideally with an appreciation of the visual arts.

There are five trustee meetings a year (normally on a Tuesday between 4:00 and 6:00), plus additional time for specific roles, according to availability. **(Ref: NY2406)**

Trustee
Berkshire



A local charity which supports refugees and asylum seekers who have fled from persecution and war is seeking trustees. Trustees are part of a board that has overall responsibility for the performance of the charity, ensuring it is effective in delivering its objectives.

In this role, you will be an active participant in board meetings, and engage in discussions between meetings. You will be involved in agreeing the business plan and budget and developing policies. There are six board meetings a year (plus the AGM), which take place on Wednesday evenings (meetings take place in Reading, however the charity also serves West Berkshire). Work between meetings can be done from home. The role would suit good listeners who can contribute effectively to meetings, understand financial statements and forecasts and who have a co-operative approach to decision making. **(Ref: NY2567)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



A charity which acts as a support group for patients diagnosed with a life-long, potentially fatal haematological condition is looking to expand its trustee board.

They would particularly like to hear from forward-thinking individuals with experience in HR or finance. Some experience of charities/governance would be a bonus. Time commitment is 1-2 hours per quarter for board meetings and around 1-2 hours per month for incidental tasks/meetings. There is also potential for a day/night once per year for conference attendance. Understanding life through the eyes of individuals living with a lifelong condition would be an advantage. The charity is national, although some staff are based in West Berkshire. Meetings are held online, or occasionally face to face at a location agreed by all. **(Ref: NY2580)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



A local charity which supports families with children under five at what can be a difficult and stressful time is looking to recruit new trustees. Trustees are responsible for setting strategy, monitoring performance, ensuring the charity is financially sound and ensuring that legal and regulatory requirements are met.

Trustees meet four times a year, with at least one additional date set aside for strategy review and development. Meetings are held in Newbury, usually on a Thursday evening. The charity is interested in hearing from people with expertise in legal, governance or business management, fundraising, marketing, events management or people management and development. **(Ref: NY2582)**

Trustee
West Berkshire



A local charity which helps refugees and asylum seekers rebuild their lives through teaching, social activities, support and advice is seeking volunteers to join its team of trustees. Trustees have ultimate responsibility for ensuring the charity is well-run.

They are looking for trustees who are enthusiastic about the charity's work and values. The charity believes a range of both professional and life experience can contribute to increasing its capacity and flexibility. The role would suit empathetic volunteers with good listening skills. Expertise in areas such as law, education, finance, human resources, management or other relevant fields would be desirable, as well as an understanding of public service providers and charity regulations and practices. Time commitment is 4-6 hours a week. **(Ref: NY2628)**

Trustee/Committee Member
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, maintains financial stability, and evaluates both current and prospective projects.

They are looking for those with expertise in event management, policy and risk assessment writing, fundraising and grant applications, youth work knowledge or previous charity work experience. Trustees attend evening meetings during the week every 2-3 months. **(Ref: NY1951)**

Trustee Director
Newbury



A local charity provides housing for people from the Newbury area who for financial, or other, reasons are not able to find accommodation. They are looking to recruit Trustee Directors; they have particular interest in recruiting someone to head up their Residents' Support Services, although those interested in a general vacancy are welcome to apply.

The Support Services role will involve reporting on residents' support services, developing a support services policy, liaising with the proctors, reviewing the residents' handbook, developing residents' policies and chairing the residents' sub-committee.

The role would take 2-4 hours a week, in addition to four board meetings a year, held in the evenings. Applicants should be local to Newbury. **(Ref: NY2629)**

Trustee (Fundraising Specialist)
Berkshire



A Berkshire charity which supports people with MS and their families, carers and friends is seeking a fundraising specialist to become a trustee.

As a trustee, you be involved in setting the charity's strategic direction and ensuring it is run in a compliant and efficient manner. You will use your direct experience of fundraising to oversee the fundraising strategy, assess risks and theatres, follow best practices, help develop fundraising capacity and new ideas, advise the board and represent the charity with key stakeholders. Time commitment is approximately 8 hours a month. Meetings tend to be monthly one weekday afternoon. The role would suit someone with strong analytical and fundraising skills, and senior fundraiser experience at strategic and operational level. **(Ref: NY2650)**

Trustee with HR background
Newbury



Play a crucial role in ensuring that a Newbury-based mental health charity operates with best practices in people management by becoming a volunteer trustee with a Human Resources background. You will bring your HR expertise to support the governance of the charity, advising on employment law, HR strategy, volunteer management, staff development, risk management and organisational culture.

Trustees need to actively participate in trustee meetings, typically every six weeks, lasting 1-3 hours (usually held in the evenings via Google Meet). Beyond this, the role can absorb as much time as you are able to commit. The role would suit a volunteer with excellent communication skills. An understanding of the challenges faced by those with mental health issues is an advantage. **(Ref: NY2610)**

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 with over fifty years' experience in community development work inspires action at a community level that improves people's quality of life. The charity works across the county, with a particular focus on rural communities.

As a trustee, your skills and experience will be used to make a lasting difference in our local communities. They are particularly keen to hear from people with a background in human resources, experience of working on a parish/town council or someone who is a great communicator and loves networking. You would need to demonstrate sound and independent judgement and the confidence to critically challenge and question ideas. There are four board meetings (two online and two in person) per year plus ad hoc meetings and an away day. Time would also be needed for meeting preparation and there may be projects where you can share your expertise, usually to support the CEO. **(Ref: NY2551)**

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, 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

**Unit Leaders and
Assistant Leaders**
Newbury



Get creative, have fun and be an inspiring role model to girls and young women in the Newbury area. As unit leader or assistant leader, you'll join a team of volunteers to run the unit, plan meetings and deliver awesome activities.

The role involves planning and delivering activities, safeguarding, maintaining standards for your unit, completing training and following policies, communicating with parents and carers, keeping records and sharing issues with local commissioners.

The role would suit flexible volunteers with good teamwork skills, attention to detail and personal and digital communication skills. Leaders usually spend two to five hours a week outside of unit time on the role. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2394)**

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, coffee mornings, wine tastings and more, 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)**

**Visitor Reception
Volunteers**
Burghclere



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

You will have the chance to talk to many diverse and fascinating people, many of whom have stories to share. No previous experience on art or history is required as full training will be given, but you must have a welcoming nature and willingness to muck in. The property is open Thursday to Sunday, between March and November each year. Time commitment is a morning or afternoon a fortnight. **(Ref: NY424)**

**Visitor Welcome and
Car Parking Assistant**
Basildon



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

The role would suit positive, friendly and well-organised volunteers. Time commitment is preferably fortnightly, and the role is available 7 days a week, mornings and afternoons. **(Ref: NY1036)**

Vegan Advocate
West Berkshire



A national organisation which promotes veganism organises various outreach activities to influence change in every level of society.

By becoming a volunteer advocate, you can help them ensure their campaign messages are spread far and wide. This role could involve communicating with people in the local community and sharing information on veganism, staffing stalls or giving talks at events, writing to the newspaper or lobbying an MP.

The role would suit good communicators and team players, with experience of campaigning. Advocates are asked to engage in a minimum of four to six actions per year. **(Ref: NY2645)**

**Vegan Community
Organiser**
West Berkshire



Do you want to take part in vegan volunteering locally? A national organisation that aims to make veganism mainstream has an ever-growing community network of vegans, who volunteer to promote veganism. Each month, you will be sent a collection of tasks to choose from; these could include town centre stalls, writing to a councillor or MP, sharing campaigns on social media or contacting local businesses. You would be the point of contact for advocates in your area, sharing these tasks and coordinating activities.

You should be able to commit around two days a month to carry out actions, and this is usually spread out across the month. The role would suit a volunteer with great organisational skills and experience of coordinating people. **(Ref: NY2644)**

Venue Volunteer
Newbury



A venue in Newbury that is open to the public has an exciting opportunity for volunteers to interact with visitors, help staff and be part of a team. You will help visitors feel welcome and make their visit run as smoothly as possible.

You may interact with visitors and tell them about the venue's history, support the café, ensure that safety and access requirements for visitors are met or assist at events. Volunteers should have good communications skills with both adults and children and thrive in a team environment but also be able to carry out tasks alone. The majority of volunteering will be at weekends, bank holidays and occasional evenings. **(Ref: NY2660)**

Volunteer Ambassadors
West Berkshire



A Berkshire charity works in schools helping children develop their reading skills.

They are looking for Volunteer Ambassadors to raise awareness and encourage others to become volunteers in schools. The role involves leafleting the local area, identifying areas for displaying leaflets, presenting and talking about volunteering in schools, attending volunteer recruitment events and identifying local magazines to promote through.

Time commitment is two hours a month. The role would suit enthusiastic volunteers who are connected with the local community. **(Ref: NY2336)**

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 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

Walking companion to help rehabilitation
Lambourn



A charity which supports adults with a physical disability to become more active and independent is looking for a volunteer to become a walking companion for one of their female members. She needs to build her strength and mobility, and slow walks would be needed for rehabilitation. The member used to be very sociable so will enjoy getting out and having the company.

This is a flexible role – one walk a week would be fantastic. Initially walks would be very short, with distance building over time. The member is based in Lambourn, and the role would suit someone who enjoys chatting with a friend and having a giggle. **(Ref: NY2608)**

Walk Leaders
West Berkshire



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

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

Warehouse Volunteer
Newbury



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

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

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

Webmaster
West Berkshire



Do you have good knowledge of website design and maintenance? A local charity which provides pony riding lessons to disabled children and young people is looking for a volunteer webmaster. The purpose of the role is to help improve the design of the website, ensure the server is operating correctly, and help update pages and content.

The site requires a refresh rather than a redesign. The charity needs advice over whether they have the best platform host, help to ensure the site is operating correctly and someone to help sort out problems. Social media guidance would also be great. This is a remote role. Initially the refresh may require a few days, but afterwards time commitment would be a couple of hours a week. **(Ref: NY2585)**

Welcomer
West Berkshire



A cancer charity is looking to recruit volunteer welcomers for its service in Thatcham. In this role, you will talk to patients about the charity's services, providing information on the complementary therapies and courses provided, and take contact details for patients who are interested.

Full training and support will be given. The role would suit dependable volunteers who can communicate in a warm and empathetic way. Time commitment is three hours a week in the morning or afternoon (usually weekdays only). **(Ref: NY2564)**

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)**

WIX Website Development
West Berkshire



A local organisation run purely by volunteers focuses on the reduction of single use plastics. They would like to expand their WIX website to detail alternatives for single use plastic, and provide an eco hub for local recycling, refill, repair and reducing schemes.

They already have one volunteer creating the website but need someone additional to speed up progress, add pages and maybe add an affiliate shop to bring in funds. The role would suit someone with a passion for the environment and a sense of humour, and knowledge of websites would be helpful. Previous use of WIX would be beneficial but training can be provided. Time commitment is expected to be no more than two hours a week. The group meets once a month in Thatcham. **(Ref: NY2596)**

Work Support Volunteer
Newbury



A disability charity runs a programme in Newbury on weekdays whereby adults with learning disabilities experience a real working environment. Volunteers are required to join their team and support the users of the service whilst they undertake tasks such as counting and collating mailshots.

This is an opportunity to experience the rewards of helping adults with learning disabilities, developing their skills and independence and increasing their self-esteem. Ideal for patient volunteers with a calm and approachable manner. **(Ref: NY574)**

Y

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 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 term-time only, with volunteers required between 6.45 and 9.45pm; commitment can be weekly or fortnightly. Support and training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2137)**

Youth Club Sessional Volunteer
Lambourn



Can you sit down and natter with a group of children about whatever interests them? Can you offer a skill they might like to learn? Perhaps you are sporty, creative or like games...

A project in Lambourn needs volunteers for their Youth Club on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00pm. They have upwards of 50 young people attending, aged 9-14. Volunteers are needed to help set up and close the sessions, welcome the young people, run the tuckshop, supervise the various activities (such as pool, table football, games, crafts, sports and projects) or assist with planning, fundraising and governance.

The Youth Club would like a regular commitment of a minimum of two sessions a month so that relationships and continuity can be formed. **(Ref: NY2393)**

Youth Club Volunteer
Thatcham



A youth club for 11-14+ year olds runs on Monday evenings in Thatcham, and volunteers are needed to help support a variety of activities.

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

Ideal for volunteers with a passion and enthusiasm for supporting young people. **(Ref: NY1952)**

Youth Club Volunteer
Thatcham



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

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

Ideal for volunteers with a passion and enthusiasm for supporting young people. **(Ref: NY1555)**

Youth Club Volunteers
Hungerford



Help is needed at activities sessions for young people in the Hungerford area. Volunteers are 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, have a warm smile, be approachable to all and be good at communicating with young people. A commitment of one session a week during term time would be welcomed, but they are also interested in hearing from volunteers who can commit some time even if it is not every week. Training will be provided. **(Ref: NY2244)**

Youth Worker Volunteer
Calcot



An initiative in Calcot is looking for volunteers to help run a Youth Club.

The club caters for 11-14 year olds and volunteers are required to help organise and supervise activities, run a tuck shop and deal with admissions.

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 on a Thursday evening, with volunteers required between 6:30-8:30pm. **(Ref: NY2313)**

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