

Volunteering Why do it?

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Introduction to the Volunteer Centre Basingstoke

People Volunteer for Different Reasons

To build confidence and self esteem.

Volunteering can help you do things you thought you couldn't – even things you thought weren't possible!

To make new friends.

Volunteering can help you mix with new people who are into the same things, forming new friendships on the way.

To make a difference.

Upset that there is nothing for young people to do in your community?

Talk to the volunteer coordinator and make a difference!

To improve your chances of getting a job.

Volunteering experience on your CV is something employers will respect and may give you another stepping stone towards your dream job.

To gain new skills.

Something you've always wanted to do? Then go for it and gain valuable skills along the way.

And have Fun!



What, Where, When, and How to Volunteer



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Want to know More About Volunteering?

Basingstoke Volunteer Centre (VC) can help you find the answers to what, where, when and how to volunteer. We can identify volunteering opportunities within some of the many local voluntary, community and charitable organisations that desperately need volunteers in order to fulfil their mission and help people and communities in Basingstoke and Deane.

The VC can offer you a one-to-one confidential interview, either in person or over the telephone, giving you the chance to tell us about your own interests, what you want to get out of volunteering, and the skills and commitment you can offer. The coordinator can then help you to identify which organisations can benefit most from your input and which opportunities you might enjoy.

Another option is to visit www.do-it.org to browse the national volunteering database. If you see an opportunity you are interested in, you can fill in the application online. The organisation, or the local VC will then contact you to arrange the next step in the process.

Basingstoke Volunteer Centre is open 9.30 – 2.30 Monday to Friday. Appointments outside office hours by arrangement.

The VC also supports:

Basingstoke Employee in the Community Network - supports businesses releasing employees, as volunteers, into community projects that VCO register with the project and vinvolved - supports 16-25 year olds access volunteering and develop youth lead community projects.

What Volunteers Say

"Brilliant, I love it, I would do volunteering as a full-time job if I could afford it".

Volunteer Driver for Basingstoke NeighbourCare.

"It makes me feel needed and useful. They've taught me to use a computer...I also enjoy the company of the people I work with".

Elderly volunteer, who uses a wheelchair, at the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

"Volunteering has changed my life. I love working at the Day Centres. I am studying so I can do this work full time".

Volunteer for Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke.

"My life is so full since I retired I can't believe I ever found time to work!".

Volunteer from Tadley.

"Fabulous. I had no idea this type of volunteering was available, I meet all different types of people".

Community Transport Volunteer.

"...has given me the chance to catch up with latest technology, meet new people and develop without the pressure of full-time work".

Volunteer helping with office administration.

Types of Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering can offer a whole new world of opportunities:

- Community Groups and Clubs
- Advocacy and Mentoring
- Travel and Driving
- Advice and Information
- Play and Youth Work
- Conservation
- Shops and Retail
- Fundraising
- Trusteeship
- Office and Admin
- Community Centres and Community Work
- Arts-based Projects
- Working with the Elderly
- Befriending
- Community Events

Your help, skills, friendliness and time can make a difference to a lot of people, or maybe just to one, so come along and see if we can help find you a volunteer opportunity that meets your interests, skills and aspirations

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