



Volunteer Service Newsletter, Winchester April/May 2018

Community First will help you find the good cause you are looking for, whether it's a regular commitment or a one-off event.

If you would like any information about the opportunities please contact us by post, telephone or e-mail (details at the end of the newsletter) or alternatively look them up along with all our other opportunities on our website
www.volunteerwessex.org

Latest News: Friday 8th June - Volunteering Day

At The Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham

- Help create a community garden from scratch
- Be part of *Volunteers Week*, the UK's biggest celebration recognising the contribution of the 22 million people who volunteer in their communities
- All tools, equipment and refreshments provided

[Book your place now.](#) Or email julie.eden@cfirst.org.uk.

Here is just a small selection of our current opportunities in Winchester:

Winchester Poetry Festival - 5 to 7 October 2018

A festival is a big undertaking, and depends a lot on those who live in the area giving up their time to help. In return you get the enjoyment of being part of something exciting and the knowledge that you were one of those who made it happen as well as the opportunity to hear some of today's most outstanding poets.

We are looking for volunteers to help with stewarding, social media and general helping.

First Bite Community Food Project

We are looking for volunteers to come and help in our community cafe which runs every Thursday at St Peter's Pastoral Centre on Jewry St, Winchester. We use surplus food rescued from supermarkets, local growers, producers and from the food aid charity FareShare UK to make healthy, delicious, nutritional hot lunches at affordable prices. We welcome everyone to our cafe, a safe place to enjoy good food and meeting new people.

Winchester Bereavement Support

We need a Volunteer Treasurer. Can you help? You will

- Manage the charity's day-to-day financial transactions
- Complete the charity's annual return and make Gift Aid claims
- Ensure the charity maintains sufficient funds to support its operations
- Advise the Executive Committee on budgets and spending as and when required

Easton & Martyr Worthy Cricket Club

We are a thriving cricket club with 168 members in the village of Easton. We are looking for a person to run our bar on Monday & Tuesday evenings (Junior practice nights) and Saturday afternoons (Senior Matches). Exact hours will be discussed and agreed.

Wessex Film & Sound Archive

The archive contains over 38,000 film and sound recordings. Join us in our work to promote the archive and its content, and at the same time explore its depths yourself. You will help to co-ordinate the dissemination of marketing material for our events, via email, print, digital, etc., source and compile suitable material for sharing on social media, secure permissions for material used. Up to 3 hours per week. Some of the task has the potential to be done from home, but some will have to be done on-site at Hampshire Record Office in Winchester

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust- Assessors

Volunteer assessors visit hospitals and clinical settings as part of a Southern Health team to assess how the environment supports patients in a number of different ways: privacy and dignity, food and hydration, cleanliness, general building condition, maintenance and appearance, dementia requirements and disability.

No previous experience is necessary but you must be a good communicator, have a real interest in people/patients and be able to contribute a brief summary statement of what you have seen and heard.

Winchester Basics Bank - Volunteers

Winchester Basics Bank provides emergency food and clothing to individuals and families in need. You will help to: sort food donations, check BBE dates on all tins and packs, put together food parcels, store fresh foods in accordance with current food hygiene guidelines and sort donated clothes

Campaign to Protect Rural England - Countryside Award

We run an annual Countryside Award scheme to celebrate our countryside. We are looking for help in contacting organisations who may be interested in entering one of the four categories. The volunteer will research potential applicants and find the best contact before contacting this person by phone and a follow up email.

*Find out about our **Employee Volunteering Scheme** which enables businesses based in the Winchester area to easily access volunteering team challenges and individual skill shares. Call Rachel Taylor on 0300 500 8085 or email Rachel.taylor@cfirst.org.uk*

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