

Portsmouth Volunteering Bulletin



Welcome to our August bulletin! Here we have a selection of volunteering opportunities for you, whether you are looking for a job, improving social skills or learning new skills.

Can't find what you are looking for? Please drop us an email or visit us at our drop in Centre!

Drop in Centre times

Monday-Thursday 10-4, Friday 10-2

Saturday 8th, 22nd July and 5th, 19th August, 30th September

Portsmouth Central Library,

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Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/togetherinhiveportsmouth

One off / events /no commitment volunteering

Hive Portsmouth

We are creating a bank of volunteers who are on standby to help out both at times of great opportunity and at times of crisis. Opportunities to volunteer will come in the form of VIP visits, cultural festivals or similar events and celebrations that give us a chance to showcase all the good things happening within the city.

New! Digital Champion

Together in the Hive Portsmouth

Become a Digital Champion and help your local community get connected

- Do you enjoy using digital technology for example, email and the internet?
 - Do you have 1-2 hours free each week/month?
 - Are you a good communicator and enjoy teaching people new skills?
 - Are you able to work with people on a one-to-one basis or perhaps in a small group?
- Then why not become a Digital Champion with Hive Portsmouth?

Environment and Animals

Volunteer Dog Fosterer

Canine Partners

Canine Partners are looking for volunteers who can provide loving homes for our young dogs, aged 14 months upwards, whilst helping to train them to be canine partners.

By volunteering you will:

- Be a valued member of our Charity.
- Know that you are integrally involved in the care and training of a dog that will change the life of a person waiting for their Canine Partner.
- Benefit from the companionship and enjoyment of having a dog in your life without life long commitment or costs associated with dog ownership.
- Have the opportunity to meet like minded people.

Check the Sweet Chestnut trees

Together in the Hive Portsmouth

We need you! Be a good plant health citizen and help report on the health of our sweet chestnut trees

Launching in National Plant Health Week and continuing over the summer, we're conducting a national check-up on the health of our sweet chestnut trees. We need as many people as possible to help out and report their findings through Forest Research's TreeAlert system – the official online tool for reporting tree pests and diseases of concern in Britain.

Conservation Volunteers

Parks PCC

We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us improve biodiversity within the City's Parks, Gardens and Open Green Spaces.

Volunteer opportunities include gardening, species surveying, habitat improvement, litter picking, family planting days and supporting community events and activities.

We run regular weekly/monthly task days across the city and one-off biodiversity improvement days through out the year.

Pontoon Open Day Guide

Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust

Do you love Portsmouth and our Naval Heritage? Wooden boats? Could you tell visitors our Boathouse 4 story? Would you like to join our team of enthusiastic volunteers and help bring Boathouse 4 to life for our visitors.

Whilst we have many regular volunteering opportunities available at Boathouse 4, this volunteering role is specifically for our pontoon open days which we hold one Saturday a month from April to October. Open days are when we have our pontoons and operational boats open freely to the public so we need extra guides for these days specifically due to visitors being out on the water.



Be There for care roles

Befrienders for residents in End of Life Nursing home Be There For Care

We are looking for friendly, compassionate people to visit socially isolated people in a end of life nursing home.

To offer companionship to people who are unable to get out and may have few or none visitors. This could be short term support to a person or longer befriending role depending on each person.

We have a list of people that would like visits and their likes/interests, you would be matched up to suit your availability and interests. For example, we might have a gentleman interested in cars or a lady who wants someone to do jigsaws puzzles with.

You can pick who you go visit and at a time that is convenient for you (between 11am - 4pm). We are looking for a commitment at least one hour per week (but can be flexible).

Happiness Hub Befriender - Care Home Be There For Care

We are currently recruiting befrienders to do one to one activities in one of Portsmouth's care homes.

The care home has 43 residents, all of whom have high levels of Dementia and are mostly bed bound. Some of the residents do not have any visitors, or leave the home, so volunteer visits are really beneficial.

As an activity volunteer you will take the magic table to a volunteer on a 1 - 1 basis and spend time with the resident using the table. The magic table is an interactive projector which creates bright moving displays and games.

Befriender - Care Home Be There For Care

We are looking for volunteers to support and assist the care teams who look after our residents whom have dementia or severe memory loss, some of whom receive no visitors and where loneliness is a problem. Reminiscing, reading and chatting can help to improve the quality of life for our residents. This is a rewarding role that can be fun as well as challenging, and you can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.

Board and Card Games Player - Care Home Be There For Care

We are looking for volunteers to play board games such as draughts, snakes & ladders, whist, dominoes and jigsaws. Many of our residents (whom have dementia or severe memory loss) receive no visitors and loneliness can be a major problem. Activities such as board games can help to improve the quality of life for our residents. This is a rewarding role that can be fun as well as challenging, and you can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.

Good experience for someone thinking of going into care work, hospital work, or anyone with a caring nature and some free time!

Physical, Sports, Hobbies

New! Memory Walk Volunteer 7th October Alzheimer's Society - Event Team (Memory Walk)

We need volunteers at Portsmouth Memory Walk! You will either be based on the walk routes, or in the event site. In both roles, you will meet lots of walkers and soak up the amazing event atmosphere!

If based at the event site you may be involved in selling merchandise, answering walker questions, keeping the event site clean and tidy, and handing out medals at the finish line! If based on the route your role is to ensure walkers are heading in the right direction, motivate and cheer them on, monitor walkers and report back to the event team and maybe walking at the back to ensure all walkers finish safely.

New! Southsea Beach Clean Southsea Beachwatch

We are hosting a Litter picking event at Eastney on the 2nd September. Any recruits are welcome to join as we clean up our community and to make our beach a more pleasant place to visit!. The event starts at 10am, feel free to join us!

Get fit and do good at the same time! GoodGym Portsmouth

We are looking for runners to come and help us with physical tasks at local community projects. We run every Wednesday evening to local projects to help out. Instead of lifting weights in the gym, we lift boxes or compost in the community! Some examples of tasks we have helped with are sorting donations at the foodbank; gardening at local schools; sanding walls at Hilsea Lido; digging an allotment plot. More information can be found at www.goodgym.org/portsmouth

There is also the opportunity to get involved with our work with isolated older people - helping out at missions or visiting someone once a week.

Swimming competitions support Portsmouth Northsea Swimming Club

Become a swimming official. There is a national shortage for swimming officials, and without them we cannot provide our swimmers with the racing opportunities that they need for their development. There is a lovely atmosphere on poolside and we feed our volunteers with amazing food during meets. Becoming an official is extremely easy, if you can press a button on a stop watch and write down numbers, then it is very easy to qualify as a timekeeper. Swim England are now running online courses which you can do at a time convenient to you and the club will support you all the way.

Flexible/At home

Macmillan Buddy volunteer

Macmillan Cancer Support

People living with cancer in Hampshire tell us they need emotional support to feel less isolated and lonely and sometimes need some help with practical tasks that they are temporarily having trouble with.

By choosing to join us as a Buddy volunteer, you'll be doing something amazing for people in these extraordinary times, so they can continue to feel connected to the world outside. Together, we can be right there for people with cancer.

There are two types of buddy volunteer (detailed role profiles below):

- Community Buddy – provides face-to-face support in the community or in people's homes to alleviate loneliness and help with simple practical tasks
- Telephone Buddy - Provides telephone support to alleviate loneliness and social isolation for people living with cancer

Café and Community Space Volunteer

Spark Community Space

SPARK Community Space is a local charity, working to reach those who have been left out or left behind, to give people a place to belong, to be part of a community of support, build friendships and to spark back into life. We want to welcome volunteers who have empathy, understanding, enthusiasm and the ability to make others feel welcome. We have an amazing team that works well together in a supportive non-judgemental environment. We are looking for volunteers to support in a variety of roles in our café, community shop and office, meeting and greeting, playing boardgames, befriending others etc. We have roles to suit volunteers needs and abilities. SPARK is a place of welcome and friendship; a place for belonging and rebuilding; somewhere for people to rediscover their value and self-worth and to 'spark' themselves back into life. We are looking for volunteers to be part of our community.

Events Supporter

Love4Life

As an Events Supporter at Love4Life YOU can make a difference with just a few hours each month. Love4Life is a vibrant, thriving friendship and dating network for people with learning disabilities and autism. We are on the lookout for reliable and enthusiastic volunteers with a love for life to help support our events. From bowling to Zumba, meals out and picnics to workshops, arts sessions and chaproned dates – there is something for everyone. Volunteering with Love4Life is really flexible. Just choose from a range of monthly events to help at (mostly evenings) and fit your volunteering around your own commitments.

Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Events Assistant for Portsmouth Cathedral at Portsmouth Cathedral

Portsmouth Cathedral's Events Assistants are the 'face' of our events, performances, and exhibitions, ensuring that visitors have a positive, enjoyable, and safe experience. The role will cover three areas:

Front of House, Bar & Refreshments and Ticketing. The main tasks are -

All Areas - Look after visitors to make sure they are safe and happy

- Function as a good ambassador of Portsmouth Cathedral supporting the vision, strategy, and mission: Answer visitor questions, queries, and problems, reporting to the appointed Portsmouth Cathedral Staff member if required; Assist in emergency evacuations of the site (full training will be given); Represent the Cathedral by wearing the approved uniform; Front of House; Welcome visitors as they arrive for events; Check tickets and show visitors to their seats/areas; Sell programmes

- Bar & Refreshments; Assist in setting up and clearing away refreshment service stations

Ships' badge crafter/ painter

Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust

Boathouse 4, an iconic building within the Historic Dockyard constructed during the massive 1930's rearmament period, is open to the public as a historic boat restoration centre and exhibition. The boathouse has many original features and operational gantry cranes. There is always something to see! The Dockyard's most unique attraction is FREE to enter and showcases wooden boats of all shapes and sizes including many operational historic craft.

Do you enjoy painting or creating beautiful pieces or artwork that people would buy? Would you like to help make ships badges so we can sell them to raise funds that enable us to look after the historic boats in our care? Then join our small team of volunteers who are dedicated to creating and selling ships' badges within the historic setting of Boathouse 4.

Crafting for seriously ill children and their siblings

PostPals

Crafting – Can you knit or crochet? Are you a cardmaker or scrapbooker? Can you make something a child might like? Our Pals love receiving things that have had love and thought put into them.

There are many ways to get involved in Post Pals and it couldn't be easier! In less than 5 minutes you can make a child smile... and for some of the children it might be their only smile that day.

Sending post – You can send post from anywhere in the world, no matter how old or young you are. You are welcome to send something as a one off or on a regular basis. You don't need to register, just go to Find Pals, read through the current children's pages (we also send post to some siblings of memorial Pals) and pick a child.

Children & Families

New! School governor vacancy - Springfield School Portsmouth School Governors

Springfield is a large and popular 11-16 Academy school maintained by the De Curci Trust. They currently require 1 governor for their governing board.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

New! Group Lead - Monthly Bereavement Support Groups for Children in Portsmouth Simon Says

We are seeking a volunteer to lead a team of dedicated volunteers at a monthly support group in Portsmouth.

The role requires you to be available on a regular basis for 4 hours a month, to lead a 2-hour session (10 months of the year) for bereaved children up to the age of 18. Each month is themed (anger, memories etc.) and we run activities to help the children come to terms with their feelings and their loss. You will welcome new families and contact them after the session to see how they got on.

Mentor

The Girls Network

The Girls' Network are committed to inspiring and empowering girls from the least advantaged communities, by connecting them with a mentor, and our extensive network of positive female role models. Having been set up by ex-teachers, with experience of teaching in challenging school environments, we know that 1:1 support from a female professional over the course of a year can have a transformational impact on girls' confidence, resilience, motivation and their attitude to their future.

Team Leader - Squirrel Scouts

Hampshire Scouts

We are opening a new Squirrels group in Gosport and are looking for a Team leader and other adult volunteers to help run the sessions with 4-6 year olds.

Activities vary from den building, arts & crafts, cooking, walking and various games. Some activities carried out will be working towards earning badges whilst other tasks will be just for fun.

There will be some essential training to undertake that is mainly online learning in addition to carrying out a DBS check. On going training will also be provided and the opportunity to earn qualifications in some skilled activities if of interest.

If you would like to support young people in your community to learn skills for life and would like to know more please get in touch.

Fundraising and Finance

New! Charity Business Development Manager St Bernard Support

The Business Development Manager will proactively seek opportunities to expand the reach of St Bernard Support. They will act to market the activities of St Bernard Support with GPs, hospitals, hospices, pharmacies and other organisations. The role will also involve contacting potential sponsors to encourage them to support the work of the charity.

St Bernard Support is a registered charity that provides help to people affected by life limiting illnesses like cancer and heart disease. Our principal focus is providing information to enhance the financial well-being of people affected by life limiting illnesses. We do this through seminars and the webinars our charity organises. Additionally our charity provides one to one support via telephone or in person. We also work with other charities and organisations in providing our services to people affected by life limiting illnesses.

New! Advertising Fundraiser St Bernard Support

Our charity is developing a regular publication Moving Forward to provide a range of articles to enhance the well-being of people affected by cancer and other illnesses. To help fund the costs of publishing, printing and distributing the publication we need volunteers to help raise funds from businesses and other organisations through advertising and contributing to features in the publication.

New! Volunteer Fundraiser Loaves of Love

As a community project, we depend entirely on donations and grants. The role of the fundraiser is to find ways to raise funds for the project, in terms of donations or grants, to enable us to function and move forward. You will need to: - Find ways to raise awareness about our project by liaising with our Social Media Manager and Graphic Designer to discuss options and post relevant information on our social medias and website. - Encourage people to donate money, but also ingredients and equipment by liaising with the Chefs to discuss what they need for the classes.

Cathedral Shop Assistant for Portsmouth Cathedral Portsmouth Cathedral

Portsmouth Cathedral Shop Assistant aim is to ensure that all who visit the shop take home a happy memory of their time in the Cathedral. The main tasks are

- Provide a first-class customer service to all visitors to the Cathedral Shop, Conduct shop opening and closing procedures, Operate the Electronic Point of Sale System; take card payments and handle cash, Receive and check deliveries of merchandise as directed, Replenish and attractively display merchandise as directed, Assist with stock taking as required, Assist Shop Manager with processing online orders.
- General housekeeping as directed, Assist customers with the purchase of tickets for Cathedral events

Befriending, Mentoring & Supporting People

New! Youtube Group Volunteer

Volunteer Futures

Chronicle Captures is a new group which seeks to provide adults with disabilities opportunity to learn how to create content for youtube and online channels, providing social and skills opportunities.

The role is needed to support the group leader and other attendees of the group with attendance and engagement.

The role will involve helping to set up and pack down each week, assistance to the group leader in supporting peers with learning about the programme as provided by the group leader.

New! Community Social Club on Monday Mornings

Brendoncare Clubs

We are looking for volunteers to get involved at our Community Social Club at the Good Companions pub on Mondays from 11am to 12:30pm.

.This role will involve help in ensuring the venue is safe and welcoming for our members; this will include setting the room up appropriately, helping any members with limited mobility, engaging with our members and helping with the activities and refreshments. You may also have a specific skill or interest you would like to share with our members; we're always on the lookout for new activities – if so we'd be very interested to hear from you!

Gig Buddies Volunteer

Gig Buddies Portsmouth

Are you kind, patient and enjoy sharing interests with others? Gig Buddies are looking for more volunteers, to befriend adults with a learning difficulty in Portsmouth to help improve social lives and confidence.

You will be matched based on interests and we ask a minimum of two hours per month for you to engage with your Gig Buddy and become friends.

Museum Engagement Volunteer

Portsmouth Museums

Join the volunteer museum engagement team at Portsmouth Museums to develop and deliver fun, interactive events and activities for Portsmouth residents. Engage people with the museum collections in new and exciting ways. Help us to champion accessibility with inclusive activities such as relaxed autism friendly openings, audio description tours, object handling stations, and a dementia café. Share your creative ideas for events/festivals/workshops across our sites and help make them a reality! The team requires a range of strengths and attributes from a broad spectrum of people to make our engagement programme reflective of the people of Portsmouth.

Driving Roles

Driver/ Escort Portsmouth Association for the Blind

Looking for a car driver/escort who can provide transport, using their own cars, for patients who experience difficulties traveling to their appointments.

Our volunteers come from many different backgrounds but all have a common bond in wanting to give something back to their communities.

Volunteer Meal delivery drivers Age UK Portsmouth

This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of Age UK Portsmouth, an independent charity that has been caring for vulnerable and isolated older people in Portsmouth and the local area for over 80 years.

Age UK Portsmouth is seeking enthusiastic and friendly volunteers to deliver hot meals and teatime packs to our Meals on Wheels service users in Portsmouth.

The Meals on Wheels service provides nutritious meals to those who may not otherwise enjoy home cooked food. Volunteer Meal Delivery Drivers will collect hot meals and tea-time packs from our Bradbury Centre in Portsmouth and personally deliver them to service users at home. Volunteers will provide a brief welfare safety check and offer friendly conversation mindful that, for some, this may be the only contact they have with another person for the whole day.

Tool Ambassador Tools with a Mission

The main role of a Tool Ambassador is to be our first contact in their local community. Our Tool Ambassadors are the people that members of the public contact to donate tools. Our Tool Ambassadors collect the donated tools, load them into boxes (easy to get from supermarkets), and store them ready for one of our vans to collect. They then arrange with their local Van Manager for them to be collected by a TWAM van.

New! Canine Partners Speaker Canine Partners

You can help raise the awareness of Canine Partners by joining our network of volunteer speakers who spread the word about our work. We receive requests for talks from groups such as schools and youth groups, Women's Institutes, Lunch Clubs and everything in-between! If you would feel confident to take on this role, and help us to educate young young people and adults about disability and how an assistance dog can help, please get in touch.

We'll give you full training, support and promotional materials.

IT and Admin Roles

New! Reception volunteers

Havelock Community Centre

Havelock Community Centre is looking for enthusiastic, friendly people to help those who use the facilities here. Volunteers will welcome centre users and visitors, answer their queries and provide information, whilst creating an atmosphere that is welcoming and efficient. Volunteers will be dependable, caring and have the ability to communicate courteously and effectively with all visitors, fellow volunteers and staff.

Admin volunteer

Together in the Hive Portsmouth

The Portsmouth Volunteer Centre helps volunteers find placements through the Portsmouth Together website and personal support via emails, telephone enquiries and volunteering drop-in sessions.

We are seeking the assistance of volunteers to help manage the Volunteer Information desk within the Central library and with day to day administration tasks.

Volunteer Digital Assistant

THE YOU TRUST/ Advice Portsmouth

The Volunteer Digital Assistance provides support to the Community Circle of Support Partners to help the people who face hardship through a variety of causes: benefit delays, sanctions, debt, un/underemployment, low pay trap, no savings, relationship breakdown, domestic abuse, homelessness, illness, disability, food/fuel poverty, digital exclusion, literacy/numeracy skills.

The Digital Assistance is client facing and actively builds a trusting relationship with clients in helping them learn new and or improve their digital skills; for example, learning the basics of using digital technology, accessing and exploring the internet, setting up an email address and how to use emails, supporting them how to virtual meet family, friends, agencies and any other digital skills the client wishes to learn.

Social Media Coordinator

Loaves of Love

Loaves of Love was created out of a wish to help and support marginalised women, asylum seekers and refugees in our local community. We bring women together through the medium of baking to help them feel welcome and valued in the community.

We are looking for someone to plan, implement and monitor our social media presence. You will need to improve awareness of our community project, and increase our reputation while engaging with online followers.