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### Retail and Information Volunteer

A local nature conservation organisation is looking for volunteers to help run their exciting new shop. The organisation has invested in new shelving and will have new stock ranges when they reopen this month. The new ethos will be selling sustainable, recyclable goods and supporting local businesses and artisans. Volunteers will also operate as "front of house" for the visitor centre, engaging with visitors, helping them decide which route to walk, helping them identify a duck on the lake and perhaps selling them a new bird book!

The role would suit volunteers who enjoy talking to people and encouraging visitors to get the most out of their visit.

Ref NY2189

### Referral Order Panel Member

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of young people?

Young people who attend the Youth Court for the first time and plead guilty to an offence are often given a Community Order called a Referral Order. A Referral Order Panel Meeting consists of two volunteers, alongside a member of the Youth Offending Team. You will help lead a discussion with the young person and their parent/carer, talking about the reasons for the offending behaviour. Together you will agree a contract of intervention the young person must adhere to, which is aimed at repairing the harm caused and preventing further offending.

Minimum time commitment is two hours a month, and volunteers would be required on weekdays during the day and early evening up until 7pm. Full training will be given.

Ref NY2191

### Befriending Bus Volunteers

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

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

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

Ref NY2188

### Community Support Volunteer

A charity that works to improve young people's confidence, self-esteem and resilience has an exciting new volunteering opportunity in Newbury.

Activities you could help with include working with young people doing messy play, participating in a sing-along session with toddlers and reading books, knit and natter session for all ages, coffee morning for all ages, homework help and a drop-in to come and talk.

The charity is looking for friendly volunteers who would be interested in helping with sessions on a weekly basis. Time commitment is a couple of hours a week to suit you.

Ref NY2190

### Co-opted Governor

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

### Saturday Lunch Club Volunteer

Join the enthusiastic team running a café/restaurant at a centre for the elderly in Newbury.

The role includes taking orders, serving and making hot drinks. It would also include preparing/serving food (a simple menu such as jacket potatoes, salads and soup) for meals on wheels clients and clients who visit the restaurant and money handling.

Time commitment is 10:30am – 3pm on one Saturday per month. Volunteers will need empathy for the elderly and a positive disposition. A level 2 Food Hygiene qualification will be required; this can be provided if necessary.

Ref NY2185