

## Volunteering in Hampshire Fact-Sheet for Adult Learners

#### What is volunteering?

Volunteering is unpaid work that helps the community you live in. Volunteering can help you to learn new skills, meet new people and practice your English. You can also get experience to help you get a job. You can try work that interests you, or you can try something completely different.

#### Who can volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer, although some organisations will only take volunteers over 18 years of age.

#### How much time will it take?

Volunteering can be something you do just once. Or you can volunteer one or two days every week. You decide how much time you would like to spend volunteering.

#### Will volunteering cost me any money?

Volunteering should not cost you any money. Some organisations will pay you a small amount of money for travel.

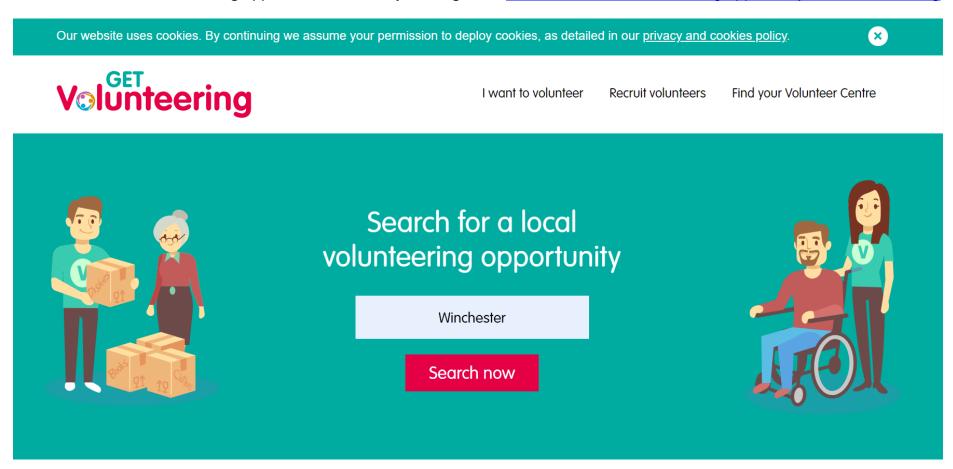
#### Will volunteering affect my universal credit or other benefit payments?

Volunteering should not affect your universal credit or other benefits. Any money you receive must only be for your expenses, such as travel. If you want to find out more about volunteering and benefits please click this link here.



#### Where can I find out where I can volunteer?

You can search for volunteering opportunities online by clicking here: Search for a local volunteering opportunity - Get Volunteering



Type your town in the box and click 'Search Now'.



#### Can I talk to someone about volunteering?

You can talk to your tutor about volunteering. There are also volunteer centres in many towns in Hampshire. You can visit an advisor to talk about opportunities:

#### **North Hampshire**

**Basingstoke** - appointments to talk to a volunteer organiser are available at The Orchard Building. Appointments can be booked online at: <a href="www.bvaction.org.uk/we-can-help-you-find-a-volunteer-role">www.bvaction.org.uk/we-can-help-you-find-a-volunteer-role</a>/, or by calling 01256 423816, or by emailing <a href="www.twitter.com/basingstokeVA">www.facebook.com/basingstokeVA</a> and Twitter/X at: <a href="www.twitter.com/BasingstokeVA">www.twitter.com/BasingstokeVA</a>

**Hart -** The volunteer centre is based on the first floor of the Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet. It is open between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday. You can visit the volunteer centre to see what is on offer or contact us on 01252 627070 / <a href="mailto:sue@hartvolaction.org.uk">sue@hartvolaction.org.uk</a>. Find us on X@Hart\_Volunteers

**Rushmoor -** The Volunteer Centre is located on the first floor of the Ellis Hall Community Centre in Meudon Ave, Farnborough. We are open Monday – Friday between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Contact us on <a href="mailto:rushmoorvolunteers@rvs.org.uk">rushmoorvolunteers@rvs.org.uk</a> or call 01252 540162.

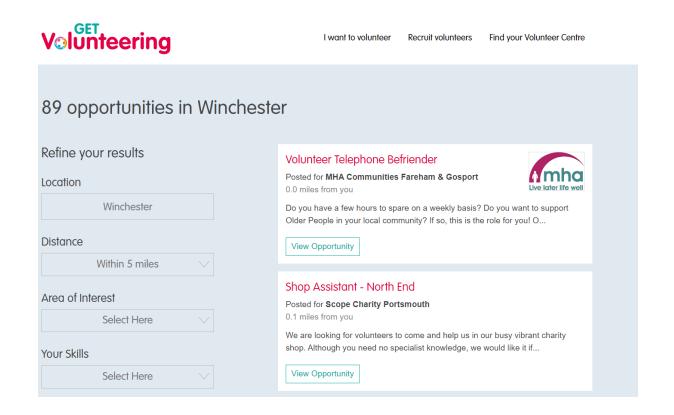
New Forest, Winchester, Eastleigh, Fareham, Havant and South East Hampshire

# Are you seeking volunteering opportunities in New Forest, Winchester, Eastleigh, Fareham, Havant or ESeast Hants?

You can search online for volunteering in New Forest, Winchester, Eastleigh, Fareham, Havant or South East Hampshire on the Volunteering First Website here: Volunteer First - Volunteering opportunities throughout Hampshire

You can contact Volunteer First on their website at: Contact us | Volunteer First Or call: 0300 500 8085.





You can also visit the **Get Volunteering** website. Type in your location in Hampshire, how far you wish to travel, your skills and interests and see how many volunteering opportunities there are in your town: 89 opportunities in Winchester - Get Volunteering



Many organisations have their own webpages with volunteering opportunities and jobs. There are lots of these so here are some examples in Hampshire:

**Hampshire County Council** 

**Hampshire Cultural Trust** 

**Hampshire Hospitals** 

**Hampshire Constabulary** 

**National Trust** 

**Hampshire Wildlife Trust** 

**Emmaus UK** 

Age Concern

Citizen's Advice

**Solent Mind** 

Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance

Hampshire Football Association

You can also search the job websites and type in **Volunteer** with the area you live to see a variety of unpaid work available in your area:

Volunteer Jobs, Work in Hampshire Indeed.com United Kingdom



### How to Become a Translator: One Translator's Story

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**By Lucy Williams** 

As you develop your English skills you may be interested in volunteering opportunities as a translator.

Here is a LinkedIn article about how to get experience as a translator without any qualifications in translation services:

How can you gain translation experience when starting out? (linkedin.com)

Here is some advice from the Institute of Translation and Interpreting about how to become a translator:

How To Become A Translator | Institute of Translation and Interpreting (iti.org.uk)

Here is a story from Lucy Williams about how she became a translator:

How to Become a Translator: One Translator's Story | The Translator's Studio (translatorstudio.co.uk)