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Lesson Volunteers

Do you enjoy working outdoors and have a love of animals and supporting others?

A local organisation based in Hampstead Norreys provides pony riding lessons to children with physical and learning disabilities. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the ponies for the lessons, act as a pony leader or to walk alongside the rider giving support.

The time commitment is approximately two hours a week, during the day and in term-time only. Experience of horse or pony care is welcomed, although not essential as training can be provided.

RefNY62

Literacy Mentors

If you have an interest in reading then consider joining a scheme set up to encourage primary school children to discover the love of books.

Volunteers are needed to train as mentors and meet the increasing demand in West Berkshire. You'll experience the rewards of watching the children gain confidence as they learn in sessions of reading, talking and playing games. No special skills are required, just lots of patience, a love of reading and an interest in children.

The next training course for new volunteers takes place on the 15th and 16th May.

RefNY769

Feedback Collection Volunteer

A local health service is looking for volunteers to interview patients following their dietetic appointments. By gaining feedback, the quality of the service can be improved.

Feedback collection will be carried out using a handheld electronic machine, for which training will be provided.

Volunteers should have good communication skills, a friendly disposition and a clear understanding of confidentiality. The opportunity can be undertaken at times/days that suit you, with sessions lasting three hours.

RefNY1928

Weekly Wednesday Roving Team Members

This is an ideal opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, whilst getting involved with a project that runs practical tasks to reconnect broken links in the West Berkshire landscape – such as creating wildlife corridors.

The project runs a variety of group conservation activities every Wednesday, on sites such as Greenham Common, Thatcham Reedbeds and Bowdown Woods. There is a mixture of practical habitat management work, something to suit everyone. Enthusiasm is all you need; you will be shown how to do tasks and use tools safely.

RefNY42

Village Agents

Would you like to share knowledge and information with vulnerable people in your community, enabling them to remain independent in their own homes?

Volunteers are trained to provide good quality information and guidance about community services in parishes across West Berkshire.

Ideal for good communicators who can manage their own time and enjoy working independently. Get in touch with Gill Comley on 01634 49004 to find out more and discover if volunteers are needed to make a difference in your parish.

RefNY1637

Committee Member

A local charity which provides free legal advice for those who have experienced domestic violence is seeking volunteers to join its committee.

As the charity enters its fourth year of operation, it is keen to have people bring new ideas to the team.

The role would take not more than five hours per month, and there is also the opportunity to help out at fundraising activities. The charity holds quarterly committee meetings in central Newbury.

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