



Volunteering News

FOCUS ON TRANSPORT



Over half of the Buxton Volunteer centre volunteers work with the Transport Department. We have approximately seventy drivers and we also have volunteer administrators helping out on the transport desk.

We are always looking to increase our stock of drivers for our two wheelchair accessible vehicles. If you would like to add to your list of skills, and train to drive and operate either of these two vehicles, please contact the transport department. Drivers need to be aged 21-70 and to have been driving on a full license for at least two years.

Holly Drabble and Lynn Giles have been helping with bookings for some months. If you receive a call from either of them you can now put a face to their name.

PICTURE
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Holly Drabble

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Lynn Giles

LOOKING FOR RECEPTIONISTS.

All of our receptionists at the Buxton Volunteer Centre are volunteers. We like to have volunteer cover between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Most volunteers offer between two and four hours per session.

The work involves answering the phone and directing calls to the relevant department, handing out hearing-aid batteries, loaning wheelchairs, dealing with members of the public who call in, using databases to check transport bookings and phoning people who have offered to volunteer and checking that they are happy with the service that they have received.

If you are able to offer some time, on a regular basis, please contact David or Alistair

Volunteering Opportunities

We are promoting over 140 different volunteer opportunities for over 100 organisations. All of the opportunities can be seen on line by visiting www.do-it.org.uk or by popping in to the Volunteer Centre.

New organisations and opportunities are being added each month.

Recent new organisations include the Derbyshire Constabulary, Adullam Housing and Impact Volunteering.

www.do-it.org.uk



A Fond Farewell



Guy Bishop Jones had been a volunteer at the Volunteer Centre Buxton for over 6 years. Guy has now moved to Australia to start a new life and we wish him well on this exciting new venture. Guy was heavily involved in a number of our projects, but especially with our Children's Services and Health Trainer departments.

Guy regularly assisted with the Buxton Summer Club, during the school holidays, as well as our Thursday evening after-school club, both for children with additional needs. Guy also helped with one-off trips and activities with these children. For our health trainer, Guy coordinated the delivery, packing and distribution of our fruit and veg bags each Thursday morning. Away from the Volunteer Centre Guy was also a volunteer at the Age UK Charity Shop.

Volunteer Befrienders

One of the volunteer roles offered through the Volunteer Centre is as a befriender to a local elderly person. Most of our befrienders visit an elderly person, often quite isolated, in his/her own home. This may be for just a few weeks, to support someone after their release from hospital, or on an on-going basis in a longer term friendship.

We are also seeking volunteers who might prefer to accompany an older person out of the house. This could be for a walk in the park, a cup of coffee or a lunch. Clearly this service provides good company but also a trusted backup to ensure that the elderly person is able to move safely and securely whilst away from home.

Anyone interested in this area of volunteering should speak with Rachael on a Wednesday morning.

Free Training Course

The Volunteer Centre Buxton is now coordinating a free training course for people who volunteer, or wish to volunteer, with children and young people.

The Derbyshire Volunteer Passport course takes place over five three-hour sessions and involves:

- Consulting Young People
- Equality and Diversity
- Health and Safety
- First Aid
- Safeguarding Young People

Participants receive a certificate from the County Council and a NCFE certificate for those who successfully complete the work book. Those people who have an enhanced CRB from a Derbyshire volunteer organisation will also receive a photo ID badge.



















High Peak has completed its first course and a second course is starting at the end of February 2012. The above photo shows three of the Volunteer Centre participants from the first course— **Lucy Bailey**, **Nathan Gregory** and **Guy Bishop Jones** from left to right. Anyone interested in taking this qualification should contact David at the Volunteer Centre on 01298 23970.



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Volunteers are vital in ensuring we can provide a wide range of services for the community. The services appreciated by our service users and we receive a constant stream of positive feedback. The services we provide are:

	Transport		Cleaning Service		Readycall
	Home Support		Escort		Handyvan
	Children's Service		Thursday Club		Wheelchair Loans
	Hearing Aid Collection		Health Champion		Befriending
	Payroll Services		Hospital To Home		Out & About Club
	Fruit & Veg Scheme		Meeting Room Hire		Projector Hire