

Volunteer Centre Core Functions

- To promote voluntary work
- To inform people of volunteering opportunities
- To place volunteers in a wide variety of voluntary work
- To inform volunteers of their rights
- To support and train volunteers
- To develop new ideas of voluntary work
- To liaise with voluntary and statutory organisations on volunteering issues.

Volunteering

Shepway Volunteer Centre works with over 300 local charities and organisations helping them to recruit volunteers and support their growth.

People volunteer for many different reasons, they may have time on their hands, be newly retired, be unemployed, be lonely, want to take up a new interest, work towards a career change or simply want to give something back to society. Whatever the reason, we aim to find something to suit.

If you are interested in volunteering you can search the national database for volunteering opportunities, do-it.org or come in and book an appointment with one of our advisors.

For more information on our services please get in touch:



Shepway Volunteer Centre

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How we can support you...

Enhancing Lives, Supporting Communities

Befriending

Our Befriending Service provides friendly support for older or disabled people who may find they are lonely through ill health, being housebound or isolated; whether socially or geographically.



Befriending volunteers are police (DBS) checked. They are also supported and supervised by a Volunteer Coordinator and offered regular training. Befrienders are there to lend a listening ear & signpost you to other services.

Volunteer Transport

SVC runs an affordable transport service for people who are unable to use public transport because they are frail, infirm or have a disability and cannot easily manage public transport. Our volunteer drivers cover the whole of Shepway, and take clients any distance to medical, shopping or social appointments, helping maintain independence.



Task Force

Task Force provides a gardening service to elderly or disabled Shepway residents who can no longer look after or maintain their gardens. Task Force consists of volunteers who themselves need some support because of learning difficulties or mental ill health. They work in teams under the supervision of the Coordinator.

For more information contact: Andrew 01303 259007



Training/ Health and Safety

At the Volunteer Centre we provide a number of training courses for the voluntary and community sector.

We offer a Health and Safety consultancy service for voluntary organisations where for a small fee a trained member of the Volunteer Centre (NVQ level 4) can act as a 'competent person' providing audits and risk assessments for your organisation.

We can also provide support for those that are interested in volunteering but not sure where to start. Our free **Skills for Volunteers** courses, run in conjunction with Kent Adult Education Response provide an opportunity to explore volunteering opportunities and its benefits.



Centre Club

The Centre Club is a social club for anyone who feels isolated or in need of companionship. It takes place twice a month on a Friday morning and membership is free of charge.

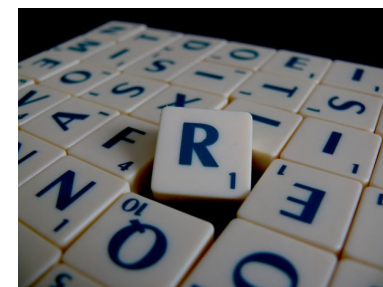
There's a range of activities to enjoy including guest speakers, outings, quizzes, games and much more.



New members are always welcome.
Contact: Donna on 01303 259007

Déjà- Vu

Déjà-Vu is a cafe for those with concerns about their memory or forgetfulness.



A welcoming environment, refreshments and games are provided while trained volunteers and healthcare professionals are on hand to answer any questions.

Contact Mark on 01303 259007 or email shepwayvolunteercentre@yahoo.co.uk