

South Northants Volunteer Bureau

Background Information

snvb is an “umbrella organisation” working in the community as the Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) supporting the voluntary and community sector in South Northamptonshire and it is a quality accredited local volunteering development agency (VEQA and PQASSO). We are in receipt of grant funding from South Northamptonshire Council to provide some of this support, and we have continued to exceed the targets in that agreement during 2017/18. The South Northamptonshire Council grant funding has been renewed for a further 2 years to 31 March 2021.

As a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, the organisation is managed by a board of trustees composed of representatives of local voluntary and statutory organisations and volunteers.

snvb was formed in 1993 and established its first Volunteer Centre in Moat Lane, Towcester in February 1999. This moved to the current premises in Whittons Lane, Towcester in October 2014. The Volunteer Centre in Market House Courtyard, Brackley was opened July 2003.

As a Volunteer England Accredited Local Volunteer Development Agency the organisation promotes volunteering and works with individuals and organisations helping them to get the most out of volunteering. It also works with other local agencies assisting them to increase their capacity and to develop new initiatives.

Snvb operate a number of community projects utilising external funding from organisations like the BIG Lottery and in some cases membership subscription. Details of these projects are include on our website.

Both Volunteer Centres are open to the public and are able to offer sessional accommodation to a number of external agencies, enabling them to hold outreach advice sessions in both market towns. The Towcester Centre has a Meeting/ Training room. At both Centres snvb provides a reception and signposting service for all these sessions.

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