

Volunteering News Flash - November 2021

As we get nearer to Christmas things do seem to be getting a bit more like normal. Let's hope it stays like that.

Since we moved back into the office in we have seen a marked increase in the number of people wanting to volunteer. Also the integration of all of the county's 5 volunteer centre databases into the Community Action Northants website has been a huge success.

We have number of new opportunities and hundreds of the existing ones - plenty to choose from.

Go to our [website](#) now and search for something that catches your attention!!

Volunteers are needed to help with Christmas Day lunch in Towcester

Due to Covid the Christmas Day lunch at the Chantry House which is usually held for guests from the local community, who would otherwise be spending Christmas Day on their own, is not able to go ahead again this year.

However, as last year a Christmas Day meal package containing a pre-prepared dinner will be delivered directly to the persons home on the day, there will also be a 'bag of treats' to accompany the meal. All food for the treat bags is being donated.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday 23rd at the Chantry House to help with the Christmas bag preparation. It is anticipated that there will be about 30 to 40 bags, but exact numbers will be known nearer the time.



**Initially 4 volunteers are needed
from 10.00am for a couple of
hours.
[Register your interest here...](#)**

Volunteering at NAB

We recently has a visit from Rachel Nafzger, the Volunteer Coordinator at Northamptonshire Association for the blind. Here is what she told us...

Being a volunteer coordinator at NAB is an exciting and varied role. I enjoy it most when I am out and about in the community, getting people enthused about our organisation and the amazing work we do. From providing vital contact through befriending, to helping visually impaired people access exciting opportunities such as canoeing, dancing and rock climbing, I believe we have a role for everyone.

NAB would not be the same without our wonderful volunteers. I have very much enjoyed getting to know them all whilst I settle into my new role with the organisation.

[Rachel has lots of opportunities to volunteer at NAB...](#)

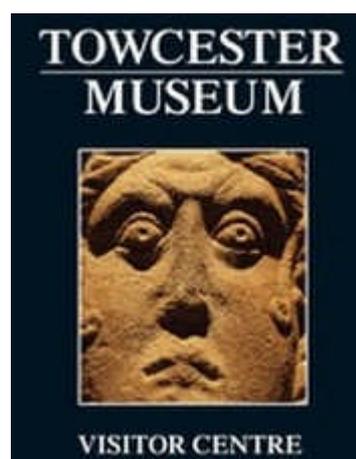


Towcester Museum

The museum has an interesting opportunity at the moment. They are looking for a Museum Development Coordinator to work with them for 3 months. This is a non-salaried position, however, expenses will be paid out of a bursary £600 monthly (£1,800 for the three months) This could be extended to six months for the right candidate.

Responsibilities include supporting all areas of the museum's operations and ensuring that activities are well coordinated and conducted properly and efficiently. Also supporting the development of the museum by attending all of the committee groups and being involved in all the key development initiatives during their period of service.

[We have full details of this on our website...](#)



Greens Norton Vaccination Centre

We have been dealing a lot with our local vaccination centre in the last few months.

They have been handling the full range of jabs, 1st, 2nd, boosters, young people. To do this has meant a constant stream of volunteers, including carpark marshalls, registration desk helpers, and people to help with patient flow and clean down of touch points

There is always lots of tea and cake available, and a star of the week!

If you would like to be involved in this valuable work, [the details are here...](#)



Volunteering this winter

Many of our local voluntary organisations are now back in operation and looking for new people to help them in their work. Here is a brief sample of opportunities for you to consider.

New Brackley Hospital

Ward Assistants are needed at the new hospital in Brackley. Responsibilities include a wide range of different jobs around the hospital. [Details are on our website...](#)



Silverstone Interactive Museum

The Silverstone Museum has proved to be a very popular volunteering opportunity. They are open all through the winter and will be looking for lots more volunteers, particularly during the Christmas holidays. [Details on our website...](#)



South Northants Youth Clubs

South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) is a charity working to provide safe and inclusive spaces for young people as well as providing opportunities.

They deliver Youth Clubs for young people in Brackley and Towcester and are looking for volunteers to support the Youth Worker in their weekly youth club sessions helping to run the tuckshop, delivering activities and sports sessions and generally supporting the young people.

They also run Play & Activity Day events and are about to start a weekly skate project. [Details here...](#)



Towcester Foodbank

Do you have financial and marketing skills and are you passionate about tackling poverty and supporting people in the local community? Then this could be the role for you. Towcester Foodbank are eager to find a Treasurer to handle the financial affairs of the foodbank. Details of this opportunity and others are [on our website...](#)



Volunteering - a great way to make a real difference in your community

Citizens Advice Bureau

Towcester Digital Advice Hub is run by Citizens Advice and is soon to restart (early January) at The Forum building. This face-to-face service, will be open 10am to 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A team of friendly and patient volunteers is needed to support members of the public 1-2-1 to access information online using the national Citizens Advice website. You will be given all the training and support you'll need to be able to help clients find a way forwards.

[Details are here...](#)

[For more ideas just browse the full range on our website...](#)

Help for organisations looking for volunteers

Organisations can register on-line via our website and then add and maintain their opportunities themselves. We have found that a majority of organisations have opted to do this.

Of course, we are still here to manage the information for you if you prefer. If you have any questions just contact Lorraine at the Volunteer Centre.

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