

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).

These LIO activities are part funded by West Northamptonshire Council with whom a Service Level Agreement (SLA) is in place.

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 established in 1993 and moved to the Volunteer Centre Towcester in February 1999.

As a NCVO 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.

The Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service and Garden Buddies are projects which the organisation operates as ‘direct services’ using volunteers.

The newest project is SNVB Community Food , which is dedicated to avoiding food waste and offering nutritious meals to those in need in our communities . This project arose out of the response to COVID 19 by the Towfood initiative. SNVB is a member of FAAWN which is a group of Food Aid agencies in West Northants.

The Volunteer Centre is open to the public and is able to offer sessional accommodation to a number of external agencies, enabling them to hold outreach advice sessions. The Towcester Volunteer Centre has a Meeting/Training room, fully equipped with the usual AV equipment.

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