

snvb is the local vcs  
infrastructure support  
organisation which offers  
help and support to  
voluntary organisations  
across the district



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## Supporting Voluntary Activity

An introduction to snvb

At the centre of voluntary activity  
in South Northamptonshire



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Towcester & Brackley



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Northamptonshire

# We offer our services to any voluntary or community group that operates in South Northamptonshire

## Information and Advice

We provide support for voluntary and community groups in the area, offering advice and assistance on issues of governance, voluntary group development, involving volunteers as well as volunteer recruitment and retention. We also help with training opportunities and provide group and one-to-one support.

## Volunteer Brokerage

snvb is the Local Infrastructure Organisation for South Northamptonshire. As such we provide bespoke brokerage services to individuals who want to volunteer, work with local organisations to improve the volunteering infrastructure, support local groups to recruit and support volunteers, and ensure that volunteering is kept high on the local agenda.

## Accommodation/Training

Our volunteer centre in Towcester has offices available for hire on a sessional basis. There is a training/meeting room available with full AV facilities and we also have some equipment for hire.

## Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service

Volunteers use their own cars to provide transport to medical and social care appointments for people who would otherwise have difficulty in getting there.

## Welfare Service

Funded by the Hope Centre, our snvb Welfare Workers attend Community Larders and Food Banks that are members of the Food Aid Alliance West Northants (FAAWN). We offer professional and non-judgmental welfare support for those in need including benefits signposting, support with wellbeing enquiries, and help with matters relating to the cost-of-living crisis.

## Garden Buddies

Project workers and volunteers provide basic garden maintenance to qualifying elderly and/or disabled people who have no other means of help. The project also provides a positive focus for volunteers.

## Rural Information Centre

Our unique mobile Rural Information Centre (RIC) vehicle is equipped with internet access, laptops, printer, an information library, and a meeting room for confidential and one-to-one meetings. It is available for organisations to hire at half day, daily and weekly rates and allows you to transport your message right into the heart of hard-to-reach communities.

## Northamptonshire Energy Saving Service (NESS)

We are a proud partner in a unique, multi-agency project working to reduce fuel poverty across Northamptonshire.

Our Rural Information Centre is a key resource taking the energy saving message into hard-to-reach areas.

## Community Larders

Our Community Larders in Roade and Towcester partner with local supermarkets, businesses and food surplus providers help distribute affordable food throughout the community and reduce the amount of food going to waste.

For more information about how we can help  
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