

West Kent Volunteer Centre



Welcome to the March edition of the newsletter. Last month we launched the Kent Volunteering Partnership with volunteer centres around the county and as part of the initiative, the [Kent Volunteers](#) website. If you are seeking voluntary roles the website is another useful tool to add to your search.

This month we have roles from the Samaritans, RNLI, D'Vine Singers and Sevenoaks Repair Café. We hope there is something suitable but if you are looking for a specific opportunity that isn't featured then get in touch with our team by email volunteering@imago.community or call 01892 530330.

Best wishes

The Volunteering Team

REPAIR CAFE

Join the Sevenoaks Repair Café!

We are launching the Sevenoaks Repair Café and are looking for volunteers to join us!

The Sevenoaks Repair Café is a local group that promotes repair as an alternative to throwing things out as well as promoting social inclusion through getting together as a community and offering a café with reasonably priced refreshments. We will be running a Repair Café on the second Saturday of most months between 10am and 1pm at St Luke's Church in Eardley Road. Residents of the town and surrounding villages can bring their broken items to fix them on the spot with the help of volunteer repairers. We are looking for volunteers to help us launch this exciting initiative. Join us!

Sevenoaks Repair Café is looking for local residents with different skills who can be repair experts during the Repair Café events. We are especially looking for people who are handy with:

- * small/ medium electrical appliances
- * bicycles
- * clothing / textiles
- * general repairs/ craft
- * furniture / wooden objects
- * watches/ clocks
- * computers/ IT

..and who enjoy sharing their knowledge with their neighbours and community.

In addition, we are also looking for people who wish to support more generally at the events. We will need volunteers to welcome visitors and serve as a contact point for both visitors and repairers as well as providing refreshments at the Repair Café.

Want to know more about the Repair Café Foundation?

Look at the international website: <https://repaircafe.org/en/about/>

Want to sign up as a volunteer?

Send an email to sevenoaksrepaircafe@gmail.com, visit our [Facebook](#) page or follow us on Instagram @Sevenoaks Repair Café for more information.

We really hope that we will see you soon at the Repair Café!

LONDON VOLUNTEER!

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CANCERS
ARE PREVENTABLE



WE NEED YOU!

VIP
Volunteering
is priceless!

Volunteering
Makes you feel
GOOD!

NOW

14TH-15TH MAY 2022

MOONWALK

make every step count.



SIGN UP NOW
walkthewalk.org
#moonwalklondon

We are looking for volunteers



Livestock Checkers

Our livestock play a huge part in looking after our nature reserves. We have variety of different livestock from goats and sheep to ponies or cattle and most recently pigs! Their grazing is essential in providing places for our wildlife to live. All our livestock need checking every day to ensure they are healthy, safe and happy.

To complement regular visits by staff and to ensure a high standard of welfare, we are looking for people who can help us to check the livestock on a regular basis. Checkers do not require any experience just an interest in charismatic livestock and their important role in conservation.



A day in this role might include?

You will be assigned a specific day on the rota, subject to your availability, on which your check takes place. Checks must be carried out before noon so we have time to respond to any issues found and during daylight hours for your safety.

All sites are different both in size and variety of animals to seek out and find. The average is about 1 hour, not including travel time, but some sites or days will take a bit more time. You will need to be a bit flexible to fit these checks into your daily routines.

All our sites have a variety of wildlife to spot from hunting birds of prey to rare orchid species. Some livestock checking areas are not open to the general public so you never know what you may spot!

LOCATION OF ROLE

Medway area including Queendown, Darland, Nashenden and Burham/Wouldham



What are the opportunities for me?

- Learn about Conservation Grazing.
- Attend Livestock Checker induction training.
- Access to beautiful nature reserves.
- Improved fitness from regular exercise.
- Friendly WhatsApp community of other livestock checkers in your area.
- Reasonable travel expenses paid.

This role will suit you if you...

- Enjoy walking at local nature reserves.
- Are physically fit and able to deal with varying terrains.
- Have suitable transport to get you to the location.
- Able to offer a regular, reliable commitment.
- Happy to engage with the public about the work you are doing in a friendly manner.

You will need:

- To undertake the ½ day training course and a site visit with the local warden.
- A smart phone with What3Words, WhatsApp and the ability to add other apps to it.



Scan the QR code to find out more about this role and our other volunteering opportunities.

Find out more information

☎ 01622 662012

✉ volunteering@kentwildlife.org.uk

🌐 kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering



Do you want to make a difference and support the British Red Cross? You can do both when you join as a Wheelchair Volunteer!

The Coronavirus pandemic has meant that people need our support more than ever. By joining our Mobility Aids Team as a Wheelchair Volunteer, you can be there for people when they need it the most, whilst making a difference in your community.

If you can spare a few hours per week you can help get people moving again after an illness or injury. For more information email us at wheelchairvolunteer@redcross.org.uk or call us on 03000 040309.



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What will motivate you to volunteer with us?

Develop skills

Build confidence

Gain experience

Participate in a worthwhile cause

Make a difference to your local community

Our volunteers are essential to the support we give victims of crime. We will train you to support victims from the very first introduction, working with them to help meet their needs until they feel strong enough to move forward on their own.

For more information and to see the roles on offer in Kent, visit our website:

www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved
or scan the QR code



 VictimSupport  @VS_Kent  @VictimSupport

As an independent charity, we work for a world where people affected by crime and traumatic incidents get the help they need and the respect they deserve. To find out how you can help us help more people visit victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved

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D'Vine Singers



Lend us your voice!



Do you enjoy singing? We're looking for **★Singing Befrienders★** to support people who need help to join our weekly sessions. You don't have to be a budding Pavarotti or Adèle, just a community-spirited person who would like to sing in a supportive group.



Discover the benefits of singing for body and soul

The D'Vine Singers meet on Fridays
12.00 – 1.30 pm
at the Vine Baptist Church in Sevenoaks



Sevenoaks
town council



Volunteers with the D'Vine Singers will have the benefit of support from the CTSD (Churches Together in Sevenoaks District) **Befrienders** scheme. To find out more, please contact jacky.hintze@outlook.com or tel. Jacky on 07708 237415 for an informal chat.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

DAVSS needs volunteers to train as Domestic Abuse Advisors.

Full training is provided

Join our local award-winning charity providing

vital wrap around support and aftercare to anyone experiencing domestic abuse in West Kent.

Local volunteers supporting local people

Can you

commit to volunteering one day a week?

CONTACT US TODAY!

For more information call or email:

☎ : 01892 502 074

@ : office@davss.org.uk

www.davss.org.uk

Helpline : 01892 570 538



SAMARITANS

Sevenoaks

Volunteer with us

▶ There are many ways you can help
We're known for our listening volunteers, but our unique service is delivered by a wider team. We value the skills that each volunteer brings and have a range of opportunities available.

We will train, mentor and support you all the way
To find out more and apply, visit samaritans.org/volunteer

Call 07388 179 760

Email sevenoaks.recruitment@samaritans.org



Sevenoaks Samaritans is part of Samaritans, a registered charity.

Could you give a couple of hours a month or more to help us save lives at sea?

The Tunbridge Wells RNLI group are looking for more members, especially someone who can take on the role of Treasurer.



If you visit the south coast or travel into London you will have been near to some of the busiest



RNLI lifeboat stations in the UK, and if you want to get involved we would love to invite you on a trip to show you how these stations work.

Joining the group could mean helping with admin from home or joining collections or events - please email Ursula Nield, Community Manager Ursula_Nield@rnli.org.uk for more information or apply [here](#)

Wanted: memory-makers and confidence builders

Young people love to build dens. But it's not just about how much fun they have, or the amazing memories they make. They're learning to work together, think for themselves and play their part. Scouts prepares young people with skills for life. As a helper with Scouts you can use your skills to help young people find theirs in groups throughout the district.

Sound like you?

Contact Frances Wallace on 07976 277906 or email dc@swanleyscouts.org.uk



Volunteer Manager Hextable (Group Scout Leader)

Small team. Big rewards.

We prepare young people with skills for life. But who supports the volunteers who make this happen? People like you.

You can inspire, motivate and plan ahead. You'll enjoy working with adults and young people in your local area and seeing the impact of your efforts. You'll be organised, diplomatic and know how to get the best of out people.

We're not going to pretend this is easy. This is a big role. With big rewards.

And because you believe in the power of Scouting to help more young people you'll know it's all worthwhile.

Sound like you? Great. Let's talk.

1st Swanley (Hextable) Scouts is part of the Scouts, offering fun, friendship and skills for life to over 460,000 young people across the UK.

Interested?

Contact Frances Wallace on 07976 277906 or email akela@hextablescouts.org.uk



Section Leader Scouts

Help deliver skills for life.

Would you like the chance to go camping, climbing, potholing and lead community projects while helping prepare young people with skills for life? As a section leader you will do all of this and more, using your current skills and learning new ones.

As part of a Swanley District Scout Group, you will plan and deliver a safe and exciting programme for young people, making sure every young person gets the chance to spend some nights away each year.

You'll use your energy and creativity to help young people have fun, develop their potential and earn a wide range of badges and awards, including the prestigious Chief Scout's Gold Award. Of course you won't have to do this alone – a team of supporters, parents and the young people themselves will help you plan and deliver the programme. But it's your enthusiasm and sense of fun and adventure that will inspire them.

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Cub Scout Leader Hextable

Help deliver skills for life.

Would you like the chance to go camping, climbing, take part in watersports or lead community projects while helping prepare young people with skills for life? As a Cub Scout Leader you will do all of this and more, using your skills and learning new ones.

As part of 1st Swanley (Hextable) Scout Group, you will plan and deliver a safe and exciting programme for young people, making sure every young person gets the chance to spend at least one night away each year.

You'll use your energy and creativity to help young people have fun, develop their potential and earn a wide range of badges and awards, including the prestigious Chief Scout's Silver Award. Of course you won't have to do this alone – a team of supporters, parents and the young people themselves will help you plan and deliver the programme. But it's your enthusiasm and sense of fun and adventure that will inspire them.

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Volunteer Manager Crockenhill (Group Scout Leader)

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Sound like you? Great. Let's talk.

Crockenhill Scouts is part of the Scouts, offering fun, friendship and skills for life to over 460,000 young people across the UK.

Interested?

Contact Frances Wallace on 07976 277906
or email dc@swanleyscouts.org.uk



Volunteer Manager West Kingsdown (Group Scout Leader)

Small team. Big rewards.

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Sound like you? Great. Let's talk.

West Kingsdown Scouts is part of the Scouts, offering fun, friendship and skills for life to over 460,000 young people across the UK.

Interested?

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or email dc@swanleyscouts.org.uk





Putting you in the driving seat

Transport is a means to independence, but when you are unable, too poorly or wary of using public transport then isolation and loneliness can become the normal.

Dial 2 Drive has a fantastic team of volunteer drivers who use their own cars to offer a lifeline to local older or less mobile people, helping them get to their appointments and with trips out and about.

If you are looking for a volunteering role that is flexible enough to fit around your other activities, where you can volunteer for one drive a month or more, with expenses reimbursed, then look no further!

Dial 2 Drive supports people living in the Kent districts of Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and we are also looking to recruit drivers to meet the demand from residents in Swanley, Dartford and Gravesham. Our drivers have been busier than ever as we have been helping transport people to Covid vaccination appointments.

To find out more, visit our website for details and an application form. One of our Coordinators will be in touch to have an informal chat and answer any questions. If you both feel the role is right for you then we would take up references and carry out a DBS check before offering you a drive. It is a great role and one that makes such a difference to those who need it.

“Meeting new people, seeing new parts of my local area and helping those who need it the most— that’s why I volunteer for Dial 2 Drive.”

<https://imago.community/Community-Services/Dial2Drive/Volunteer>

Email driving@imago.community

Call 0300 777 1200



Volunteer Telephone Befrienders

Do you like talking to others? Are you a good listener? Could you give an hour of your time each week to be a listening ear for others?

We are recruiting **Telephone Befrienders** to support those who are elderly, have mental health issues, facing homelessness or living with a disability and resident in Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale. Through weekly phone calls, which you would make from the comfort of your own home, you would enable clients to become more confident and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

You will receive training including safeguarding, we will match you up with a suitable client and provide you with continued support throughout your time volunteering with us. References and a DBS check are required for this role so you will need to hold valid ID. Applicants need to be 18+.

If you want to help reduce social isolation and can engage with others, then email volunteering@imago.community for an application form and we will be in touch for an informal chat.



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