



PRESS RELEASE

NEW VOLUNTEER CENTRE MANAGER FOR ANDOVER!

Andover's Volunteer Centre has a new Volunteer Centre Manager who is encouraging all those who made New Year Resolutions to make sure they get involved in volunteering in their local area – and have fun at the same time!

Tessa Makepeace, Test Valley Community Services' recently appointed Volunteer Development Officer, is inviting anyone who would like support the local community by putting their spare time to good use, to get in touch to find out what roles are available.

With many years' of experience in volunteer management, Tessa says "Volunteers come from all walks of life and volunteer for a variety of reasons. Some have lots of time, some have very little, but there is nearly always a role to suit everyone and the help they give makes a considerable difference to the work of voluntary organisations."

With around 200 volunteer vacancies in the Andover area alone, ranging from help with administration to after schools clubs; befrienders to foodie team volunteers; drivers and conservation helpers to radio station assistants, there is something for everyone.

"But above all, volunteering is fun!" says Tessa. "Just a few hours a week can give you experience working with a team; maybe some free training and certainly looks good on your CV if you're looking for work.

"Volunteers should get at least as much out of their volunteering as the organisation they are helping – it is a Win:Win situation. Without the support of volunteers, many of our local organisations would not be sustainable and the good they do for the community would be seriously restricted." ...more/

Test Valley Community Services, a part of the Council for Voluntary Services' network, is committed to promoting volunteering and to supporting voluntary organisations in many ways, be it helping with recruitment and management of volunteers or providing low-cost training and giving governance advice. Like many other charities, the Volunteer Centre is itself looking for volunteers for a variety of administrative roles and Tessa would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in supporting her work, even if only once a month.

All volunteer roles promoted by the Volunteer Centre can be viewed by appointment at the TVCS office in Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. They are also available on www.do-it.org.uk – just register your selection through the website and the Volunteer Centre will be in touch.

If you would like more information or to have an informal chat with Tessa, please telephone 01264 362600, email volunteers@tvcs.org.uk

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