South Staffordshire Community & Voluntary Action
Improving lives and connecting communities across South Staffordshire

SSCVA celebrates 30 years of voluntary action in South Staffordshire
Welcome to the Summer edition of Buzz newsletter

Many thanks to all of you who attended the recent round of Community Voice Forums. In total we were delighted to see a total of 170 people, including some new faces. As usual there was a lot to update local groups on.

Attendees heard from South Staffordshire Council on the new Community Lottery, launching in September and focussing on providing funding for voluntary and community sector groups at a time when core funding for local groups is under increasing pressure resulting from declining income for the District Council.

The Council also highlighted the Locality Profiles for 2017. This is an important document and for groups looking to put together funding bids to support their current activities or develop new ones contains a lot of data that can be used to provide valuable supporting evidence for bids. You can see and download the full document on our website.

There is also a very comprehensive funding search tool available on South Staffordshire Council’s website here www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/sstaffs.

We at SSCVA also outlined how the development support we provide to local groups has changed as a result of funding pressures and the end of the CATALYST Project. However, the good news is that we are now nearing the end of a successful first year delivering on the County Council contract with our partners in Support Staffordshire and SCVYS, and this plus the work of our dedicated volunteer Community Connectors—Keith, Margaret and Harry, Catherine, Amy, Chris, Graham and Johanna—enables us to provide a robust degree of help and assistance to local groups.

We also took the opportunity at the Forums to consult with groups on the issues and challenges they currently face, and the areas where they need the most help and support. This enables us to focus resources on the areas where they are most needed. There were some lively discussions and we are grateful to everybody who took the time to contribute. We are putting all this feedback into report form which we will circulate to partners and groups as a snapshot of current needs.

A warm welcome from staff and Trustees to Michelle Williams, our new BBO Project Officer who started with SSCVA at the end of April, and has hit the ground running working with the local network of Work Clubs, a wide range of delivery partners and Advocates to provide intensive support to those furthest from the labour market. You can read an introduction from Michelle opposite, but please do get in touch with her direct if you would like to know more about this project which is already having a very positive impact on the lives of local residents.

Finally our appreciation to Gavin Williamson MP and all who attended the highly enjoyable Celebration event and Volunteering Awards, not forgetting the Great Charity Bake Off!

Our congratulations go to all the winners of awards in the 10 categories, and to all volunteers recognised on the day—if you drop by South Staffordshire Council, look out for the Volunteer “Tree of Recognition” in the main lobby!
Building Better Opportunities
Stafford and South Staffordshire

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My name is Michelle Williams and I’m the BBO Project Worker on the Building Better Opportunities programme with SSCVA.

The Building Better Opportunities Programme is funded until 31st December 2019 and is National Lottery and European Social Funded.

The programme has been specifically designed to work with those furthest from the workforce i.e. Unemployed or economically Inactive, the purpose is not to get people back into work but to help to move people closer.

My specific role as part of the programme is to support people into volunteering, this helps people to build their confidence, develop new skills, identify what type of work suits them best and to generally give something to their community.

If you or someone you know would like help in to volunteering or would like more information please get in touch.

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Celebration Event 2017
And the Great Charity Bake Off

The 2017 Celebration Event took place on Saturday 17th June at Codsall Village Hall in partnership with South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS).

The purpose of the event was to showcase and celebrate the variation and availability of voluntary activity within the South Staffordshire District and to award volunteers for their dedication and the difference they make to communities in the area. We also took the opportunity to celebrate 30 years since SSCVA was established.

The awards presentation consisted of 10 categories sponsored by local businesses and charities and supported by South Staffordshire Council. Gavin Williamson MP also sponsored an Award. These were all presented by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Val Chapman.

The event was officially opened by the Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP for South Staffordshire. There was a wide range of exhibitors from local community groups to larger organisations and for the first time a Great Charity Bake Off. The Ladies of Codsall Wood W.I kindly agreed to judge the competition which raised £105.55 which was donated to the Midland Air Ambulance.

Over 200 people attended the event. This was a great opportunity for groups and organisations to network with others and for visitors to see what community activities and volunteering opportunities are available. Pictured are some of the exhibitors and visitors to the event, and Gavin Williamson MP meeting with Landywood Voluntary Help Centre volunteers.

From left to right: Chairman of the Council Val Chapman, David Leese Chief Officer for SSCVA, Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP and Lucy Cox from SCVYS who also made the cake to celebrate 30 years of voluntary action in South Staffordshire.
Pictured above left: Mavis Evans and Diane Davis of Codsall Wood WI judging the Great Charity bake Off.
Pictured above right: The Codsall Wood WI ladies (centre) with the prize winners of the Great Charity Bake off from left to right: Erin Hudson, Niamh Barnsley, Darcy Peterson, Oliver Baker and Margaret Winwood.

Pictured left: Jim Potts of Coven Forget-Me-Not Club selling raffle tickets. £75 was raised. Half supported the Forget-Me-Not club and the other half donated to Brewood & Coven First Responders.

Pictured below: SSCVA staff and volunteers pictured with Val Chapman (back left) and Gavin Williamson (bottom right). SSCVA wish to thank all our volunteer Buddies, Community Connectors and Admin team who give up their time to help us to deliver voluntary action in South Staffordshire.
We would also like to thank our extra team of helpers on the day: Mary Owen, Oliver Baker, Darren Saxon, Paul Charlton, Keith Johnson and Helen Leese.

Pictured above The Volunteer Tree of Recognition. Prior to the Celebration Event we asked all our members if they wished to nominate any of their volunteers for a certificate of recognition for their dedication and commitment to volunteering. We wrote their name and the group they represented on the leaves and hung them on the tree for people to view. Names were also added on the day. Over 130 people will be receiving a certificate of recognition.
GLL Community Foundation

Spacehive has officially partnered with GLL, the UK’s largest charitable social enterprise to launch the GLL Community Foundation.

The Foundation has been set up to provide both grant funding and practical ‘in kind’ support with a value of up to £5,000 to community projects across the UK.

Projects could include creating or renovating public spaces such as parks or gardens, running sports tournaments or supporting cultural or community events.

Along with financial support, GLL staff are also offering practical support and consultancy to projects, while Spacehive provides a platform for local schemes to build support and fundraise from within their own community.

There is no deadline for applying.

For more information please visit: www.gll.org/b2b/pages/community-foundation

Telephone: 020 8317 5000

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First Steps Pilot Enterprise Fund

Community organisations (charities and social enterprises) based in England that are looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable can apply for funding through the First Steps Enterprise Fund.

This is a £300,000 pilot programme offering loan-grant packages of up to £30,000 (90% loan: 10% grant) to small community-led organisations.

Particular preference is given to organisations that work in the following areas: Older people; Health and wellbeing; Employment for young people.

Community organisations wanting to access the fund should submit an online Expression of Interest form. These can be submitted at any time.

There is no deadline for applications.

For more information please visit: www.sibgroup.org.uk/firststeps

enquiries@sibgroup.org.uk

Telephone: 020 3096 7900
The High Sheriff Fund

The High Sheriff Fund awards small grants of up to £2000 to small community groups across Staffordshire, where they have a specific need.

Criteria

- Groups should be based in and working within Staffordshire
- Your annual income should be less than £30,000
- You should have reserves of less than 1 year's income
- Your financial records should be up to date
- Groups should have a constitution
- If awarded a grant it should make a visible difference to the project
- Groups should be working to relieve poverty or disadvantage
- Groups should be working to provide a service that would otherwise be realistically unobtainable
- Applicants working with children or the disabled should have vetted all staff and volunteers

What will not be funded

- Statutory organisations, including schools, police, health authorities and local authorities (parish and town councils will be considered)
- Any organisation which will benefit a statutory organisation or should be funded by a statutory authority
- Staff costs or costs associated with staff
- Food or meals
- The reimbursement of costs (for goods or services bought or ordered before the official start date of the grant)
- Any national organisation based in Staffordshire
- Solely commercial ventures
- Party political activity
- Activity promoting religion or with a strong religious undertone, but religious groups running community projects will be considered

Deadline for applications is 7th September 2017

For more information please visit:
www.staffsfoundation.org.uk/grants/highsherifffundgrants/

Telephone: 01785 339540              Email: office@staffsfoundation.org.uk

Persimmon Healthy Communities Deadline

Persimmon Healthy Communities supports amateur sport for young people in England, Wales and Scotland.

Between May and December 2017, 30 monthly donations of £750 each will be made to amateur sport based organisations with participants aged 21 or under to enable the purchase of sports kits and equipment.

In January 2018 one entry will be chosen to go forward into the national competition with a prize of £200,000 for one club or team. There will also be two runners up prizes of £50,000 each and 27 finalist awards of £5,000 each.

Deadline for applications is 31st December 2017

To apply, fill in the short form available on the website at:
www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities
One Stop Carriers for Causes

Not for profit organisations, including schools that are located within 2 miles of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects that benefit their local community.

The grants are available for a wide range of activities and the funding will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project.

Projects funded in schools include: • Outdoor classrooms • Learning zones • Library equipment • A nurture room • Playground improvements, etc.

Applications are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months.

Applicants will generally know the outcome of their application within 16 weeks of applying.

There is no deadline for applications.

For more information please visit:
www.groundwork.org.uk/Pages/Category/carriers-for-causes-uk

Greggs Foundation (Environmental Projects)

Schools and local community groups can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the Greggs Foundation for projects to improve the local environment.

The Environmental Grant Scheme is funded by the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops.

Through the scheme funding is available to purchase equipment; sessional salary costs; purchase of trees/plants; small capital items; and learning activities.

The type of activities that could be funded include for example a growing project in a local primary school; a group of volunteers who completed litter picking exercises in their local parks or along a local riverbank; an allotment project for people suffering early stages of dementia; and clearing an area of wasteland in an area of high social need to create a community garden; etc.

The Foundation are more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops.

The closing date for applications is the 24th November 2017.

For more information please visit:
www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant
Staffordshire's Road Safety Grant Fund

As a pilot initiative, the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is providing, through a bidding process, £200k over the next 2 years in the form of the Road Safety Grant Fund.

The money has been made available to:

- improve road safety
- Increase public confidence in the safety of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire’s roads
- support communities to take local responsibility

The Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is keen to support locally driven community road safety activities in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Activities should aim to address an identified road safety issue which is of concern to the community. Proposals could include speed watch groups, and activities with schools, such as walking buses, but projects must be community led.

The Partnership would welcome a wide range of bids and encourage inventive thinking in how the funding could be used to make a positive difference in your communities.

Speaking on behalf of the Safer Roads Partnership, Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial at Staffordshire County Council, said:

“Staffordshire has some of the safest roads in the country which is something we are proud of and have worked hard to achieve.

“We are always looking at creative ways of making our roads safer and this will give local communities the chance to make a real positive difference in their neighbourhoods.

“We would really encourage groups to apply for a grant and the more creative ideas the better. Working together we can help make our roads even safer.”

The initial funding round invites applications to be submitted between 1 August and 14 September 2017. Further funding rounds will be held every 6 months.

The Guidance Notes document below includes all the information you need to know about applying for a Road Safety Grant.

The administration of the Road Safety Grant Fund is supported by The Community Foundation for Staffordshire.

For more information please visit:

http://www.staffordshirenewsroom.co.uk/community-opportunity-influence-local-road-safety/

Or if you require any assistance with the application process please contact the Foundation on 01785 339540.
CASS Living Well with Dementia Group

Sessions are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Codsall Village Hall on the Wolverhampton Road, WV8 1PW - from 11am to 1pm, and are specifically for people living with dementia and their carer/family member or friend, who will have the opportunity to make new friends and share experiences in a dementia friendly environment.

We offer bite-sized information sessions, nostalgia themed entertainment and the opportunity to talk on a one to one basis with professionals from health and social care and other community services – together with refreshments and a buffet lunch (donations welcome).

There is no need to book – just turn up and you will get a warm welcome on arrival.

Ageing Well—Lunch ‘n’ Meet

Wednesday 27th September 2017
11am to 1.30pm
Free lunch included
The Church at Perton, Anders Square, Perton, WV6 7QH

We hear a lot about the ageing population in South Staffordshire and talk a lot about “older people” but everybody is different.

SSCVA and partners would really like a conversation with people about what living here in South Staffordshire has to offer you.

If you are age 60+ we would really like it if you could attend the event.

Topics for discussion:

- Supporting older people in the community
- Transport and driving
- Communication; digital and social media
- Planning for the future

To book a place at this event please contact:

SSCVA on 01902 851675
Email: info@sscva.org.uk
The Carers Hub is a single point of contact for carers and their families in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. We are here to improve the lives of carers of all ages through support, advice, information and training. The hub exists to ensure that all carers are aware of and have access to a wide range of support services designed to ease their caring responsibilities and enjoy what life has to offer outside these. If you provide regular care to a friend, family member or neighbor in Stoke-On-Trent or Staffordshire you may be eligible to access a wide range of support services to help you in your caring responsibilities as well as in your life outside. Call 0300 123 1937 or email: info@thecarershub.co.uk
New Guidance for Awards for All (England)

The Big Lottery Fund has simplified the Awards for All guidance notes, including fewer restrictions and new priorities.

The Big Lottery Fund offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 to voluntary and community organisations, schools and statutory bodies in order to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. To be eligible for funding projects must now meet at least one of the following three priorities:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage. Communities should be involved in the design, development and delivery of projects.

Examples of eligible costs include:

- Training costs.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Staff costs.
- Small capital projects.
- Transport.
- One-off events.
- Equipment.
- Utilities/running costs. To be eligible for funding, applicants must have:
  - Two unconnected people on the board or committee.
  - A UK bank account in the name of their organisation.
  - Annual accounts (unless the organisation is less than 15 months old).

Priority may be given to applications from smaller organisations. The Big Lottery Fund will consider the income of the applicant organisation when making their funding decision. Applications may be submitted at any time. The pilot of this new way of working in NI saw a 50% increase in applications, so expect a lot more competition for funding. The new application process will be looking to see that the project is:

- People led – this means the people you’ll be working with will be meaningfully involved in the development, design and delivery of your project.
- Strengths based – we’d like to support people and communities to build on the knowledge, skills, and experience they already have to make the changes they want.

Awards for All is also moving to a scoring system when reviewing grant applications, things to be considered are: How much income dose the project have? (This means that school applications will generally be scored much lower). They are trying to ensure that the programme primarily benefits much small groups.

- Have you had funding from them before? If you have never had funding from the A4A programme, you’ll score higher
- Is the project people led and strength based? (see note above)
- Is the project from a local priority area? (Currently these in the West Midlands will be: Stoke, Dudley, Birmingham)

For more information or to apply please visit:
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england
Silver Sunday is an annual day of fun and free activities for older people across the UK. Led by The Sir Simon Milton Foundation, it celebrates the value and knowledge they contribute to our communities while combating loneliness and isolation. Everyone can get involved, whether that’s organising an event, spreading the word, or simply attending an activity. Silver Sunday is on 1 October 2017.

Silver Sunday started in Westminster in 2012 and since then has gained widespread support. The aim is to turn it into a national day matching Mothering Sunday and Fathers’ Day, establishing it in the national consciousness as a day when we think about older people, celebrate their contribution to their communities and help them. With the help of the Sir Simon Milton Foundation, Silver Sunday has grown to the point where last year over 600 events were held nationwide – from the south of England to Glasgow and all the way to Northern Ireland – attended by thousands of older people.

If you would like to put on an activity or would like more information,
please visit:
www.silversunday.org.uk
Email: info@silversunday.org.uk
Tel 020 7641 3609
Post: c/o Simon Milton Foundation, 5 The Strand (6th Floor)
London, WC2N 5HR

Wellbeing Café

The programme of sessions will be:

- Introduction
- 10 minute seated exercise
- Short talks from support services on the advertised theme
- Time to have a drink, cake and a chat

**Breathlessness and Anxiety**
Wednesday 27th September 2017 at South Staffordshire Council Offices

Coping with anxiety. Techniques to manage breathlessness and managing your respiratory condition.

**Eating Well**
Wednesday 11th October 2017 at Wombourne Civic Centre
Wednesday 15th November at South Staffordshire Council Offices

Practical tips for shopping and making good food choices

All Wellbeing Cafes will be 1.30pm to 3pm

Feel free to drop in, but if you would like more information or support with transport please contact 01902 696238
A Staffordshire County FA grassroots club will be heading to Wembley in August to collect a National FA Community Award.

Local grassroots club Wyrley Juniors FC have been named FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year! The club will be attending the National FA Community Awards ceremony, presented by McDonalds at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 6th August to collect their National Charter Standard Community Club of the Year Award prior to the start of the FA Community Shield between Arsenal and Chelsea, which promises to be a fantastic curtain raiser for what will be an exciting season.

The club was initially nominated for a County award at Staffordshire FA’s Community Awards ceremony which took place at Stoke City’s Bet365 Stadium in June. Since then, the clubs nomination has been judged by panels at the national FA and Wyrley Juniors have won the treble by also being crowned Regional and National FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year winners.

Keith Hardy, club Chairman said: “The club is always looking to grow its playing numbers, anyone interested in joining an ambitious club should contact me on 07836 202764”.

The Central Orchid Society based at Perton won a RHS Silver Gilt award for their orchid display at the Malvern International Orchid Show.

For more information on the Central Orchid Society Please visit:
River restoration with the Friends of Bilbrook

The Moat Brook is a tributary of the river Penk which rises in Oaken village and the Chillington Estate and runs through the wood created by the Friends of Bilbrook, the Jubilee Wood. Many years of human interference meant that the brook had become overgrown with large trees and straightened to accommodate large agricultural machinery on the adjacent field. This has meant a very overshadowed and dark section of the brook next to the wood. This was identified as being perfect for some restoration work in a partnership which included Groundwork West Midlands, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, the Environment Agency, Wild Trout Trust, South Staffordshire Council and the Friends of Bilbrook.

After a very lengthy consultation process undertaken by Groundwork West Midlands, permission was finally given for work to take place restoring a section of the Moat Brook to a more natural state.

Under the expert tutelage of the Wild Trout Trust, a team of volunteers from the Friends of Bilbrook took the first steps in creating the right habitat which will hopefully lead to an increase in bio diversity in the Brook. The aim was to create conditions which will allow Wild Trout to breed. Wild trout are known as an ‘indicator species’ meaning they are quite fussy about where they lay their eggs but if they can thrive in the brook, the right conditions have been created for most other species to thrive as well.

The work involved thinning out a few trees to let light back onto the river banks. This will mean that bankside shrubs can grow again as well as other plants which will attract wildlife and help oxygenate the water. The felled trees were then used in various forms to create overhanging cover for fish, to start the process of meandering again and kick up the river bed to separate the gravel, necessary for fish egg laying.

This project was the culmination of months of preparation and co-ordination and after 2 days of hard graft, a noticeable difference had been made to the brook. Hopefully, it will not just see the return of trout and other life to the brook but also create pleasant areas for the public to enjoy the beautiful surroundings in the Jubilee Wood and Moat Brook. Everyone involved really enjoyed the project, which we hope will continue into the future and help restore the brook to its former glory.
**CASS The Carers Association**

During the national campaign, Carers Week, CASS celebrated with over 100 families in which there is an unpaid Carer supporting a relative or friend.

Carers were invited to join CASS in a celebration of their caring role at Sandon Hall whilst being served afternoon tea and enjoying entertainment by the wonderful Debbie Miles. There was plenty of singing, dancing and reminiscing of fond memories during the performance shared by the Carers and their loved ones.

Whilst caring for someone is often associated with a cause of social isolation, this was one particular event that bought a group of people in our community together.

Carers were delighted to be able to spend time with their peers and create a happy memory with their loved ones. Speaking about their day, one Carer commented, “I haven’t been out for an occasion with my wife for a long time – since she was diagnosed with dementia, as she gets nervous and confused eating out in restaurants. However, we both had a great day and my wife felt quite at ease with CASS at Sandon Hall.”

CASS has provided support for thousands of adult and young carers in Staffordshire since it began in 1996. It became an independent charity managed by a Board of Directors in June 2001.

For more information

Please visit:

www.carersinformation.org.uk

Megan.wilton@carersinformation.org.uk

Telephone: 01785 222365

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**Staffordshire Corps of Drums**

The Staffordshire Corps of Drums are looking to recruit new members in order to carry out public duties and currently have vacancies for flute players, drummers and buglers.

The Corps perform as part of civic parades and festivals, Open days and Fete's, Wedding receptions and fanfares, ceremonial services and receive regular bookings from the MOD and Regimental Associations.

The Corps meet every Monday evening at 7pm to 9pm at the Sea Cadet centre in Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TL.

For more information please visit:

www.staffordshirecorpsofdrums.site

Telephone: 01902 850536
Wild About Perton

Citizen Science: River dipping with a scientific purpose

More and more community groups, including friends groups, Wild About Perton and Friends of Bilbrook are getting involved in citizen science. Citizen Science is often described as scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or non-professional scientists who crowd-source their contributions as part of a wider research project. And, in South Staffordshire and elsewhere in the Midlands, the energy of local amateur scientists is being utilised to gather data about the quality of our local rivers and streams.

In Perton, data is collected by three volunteers each month, using straightforward test kits, provided by WatersideCare (http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/watersidecare/) and the Freshwater habitats Trust (http://www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/) to measure, levels of ammonia, acidity and alkalinity (pH), levels of nitrate and levels of phosphate, which are all indicators of river quality. The data collected is then entered onto a national database. Heightened levels of ammonia, pH, nitrate and phosphate can indicate pollution. When a pollution incident is detected, Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency are alerted and tackled by their specialist teams.

However, water quality is not only measured to detect pollution but also to find out whether improvements to the lakes and river are having a positive impact on our local environment. We therefore expanded our researches to include measuring the presence of water quality indicator invertebrates using the Riverfly Partnership Monitoring Initiative (http://www.riverflies.org/riverflies). Each month we kick-sample the river and then count the numbers of fresh water shrimp and mayfly or upwing fly larvae caught in our net. Similarly the numbers of invertebrates counted are entered onto an online national database.

In Perton our researches led directly to a decision by the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to select the Penk as its first urban site to re-introduce the critically endangered white-clawed crayfish (http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk). Now Wild About Perton & Friends of Bilbrook have been selected by the Environment Agency to pilot a new training initiative to enhance our surveying skills.

For further information and contacts:

Friends of Bilbrook at:  http://friendsofbilbrook.org/
Wild About Perton at:  www.facebook.com/wildaboutperton
WANT TO VOLUNTEER?... WE ARE YOUR ONE STOP SHOP!

Ros is the Social Action Officer for the South Staffordshire Volunteer Centre.

Think you would like to volunteer? It’s very simple, all you need do is have a chat and discuss what opportunities you are interested in doing and go from there.

You can give as much or as little time as you like, many organisations are flexible with times and dates available.

How to contact us

If you think you may be interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to find out more on becoming a volunteer then please call Ros on: 01902 851675 or email: ros.burton@sscva.org.uk

Featured Volunteering opportunities...

Matching you to many diverse volunteering opportunities in South Staffordshire

Volunteer Car Drivers

Locality 4 Voluntary Car Scheme are currently looking for drivers (Bilbrook & Codsall area). The drivers are all volunteers providing transport in their own cars for a small contribution towards the running costs. Journeys are available to anyone unable to access public transport or need to make essential journeys to doctors, dentists, hospital appointments etc. Without volunteer drivers many people would find it difficult to make journeys. For more information please contact Neill Morris Hobley on 01902 845533 or neill.morris-hobley@staffs.org.uk

Volunteer Buddy

As a Volunteer Buddy on the Community Support Project you will be matched with a local resident on a one-to-one basis, meeting with them regularly (for a few hours at least once a month) at a community venue or in their own home. Your voluntary role will involve befriending and helping people to access support, services and community activities, where needed attending with them. It is a flexible form of volunteering and you will be able to arrange each visit for a time that suits both of you. For more information please call 01902 851675
Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay Community Libraries
Have you a bit of time on your hands?
Would you welcome the social side of volunteering;
Are you a person who needs some experience for your cv;
Are you someone who is looking to get back into work and would value a supportive environment as a first step;
Are you someone with skills or experience you would like to give back to their community?
Currently there are lots of volunteering opportunities at Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay Community Libraries
Community Managed libraries offer an innovative approach to keeping library services in the local community. They are a FREE service available to all, giving access to a diverse range of books and computers with printing at very reasonable prices for your personal use.

The library offers a real focus for people to socialise, gain skills and learning, join in activities and develop hobbies and interests.

Great Wyrley Library has a wonderful team of volunteers and some new faces have recently started volunteer training at Cheslyn Hay. Both Libraries would welcome anyone who wishes to join them.

If you feel you would like to help, please pop in and pick up an application form or call Cathy on 07866921866 or email:cathy.attwood@staffordshire.gov.uk

Acorns Children’s Hospice
Acorns have volunteering opportunities in their shops based in Codsall, Perton, Hednesford and Wolverhampton.

   For further information please visit: www.acorns.org.uk
   Telephone: 01564 825000

Compton Hospice
Compton Hospice have volunteer opportunities for; drivers, hospice gardeners, shops, manicurist and exercise instructors.

   For further information please visit: www.compton-hsopice.org.uk

How to contact us

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities or would like to find out about becoming a volunteer then please call Ros on: 01902 851675 or email: ros.burton@sscva.org.uk

We welcome your comments on the content and format of Buzz.
Please send any feedback to:
Louise Baker, South Staffordshire Community & Voluntary Action, C/o South Staffordshire District Council, Wolverhampton Rd, Codsall, South Staffordshire,
Contributions to BUZZ

Do you have an event you would like to publicise to the voluntary and community sector in South Staffordshire? Look no further - BUZZ is the ideal place.

We also welcome relevant features and articles.

The deadline for the Autumn 2017 Issue is Friday 29th September 2017.

You can get in touch by post, telephone or email.

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