



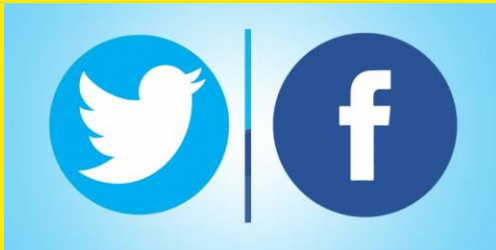
The Volunteering News



BEE THE CHANGE BEE A VOLUNTEER 2021 SPECIAL EDITION

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DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGE?



**Keep up to date on all that we are
doing by following us on our social
media accounts:**

**Find us on Twitter:
@Havering_VC**

**Find us on Facebook:
@HaveringVC**

SUPPORTING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES



If you identify as having a disability and
would like to find out what support is
available to you please contact
01708 476554

Havering Volunteer Centre News

Just like 2020 the year 2021 has been full steam ahead for Havering Volunteer Centre, when the crisis support we were supplying in the first wave of Covid stopped; HVC swiftly moved its focus on to the Vaccination Programme.

HVC saw an incredible 600+ volunteers sign up to support the vaccination drive in January to assist with two local sites at Hornchurch Library and Raphael's House. This was the second biggest volunteer recruitment drive in less than 12 months and probably the biggest volunteer call to action since WW2!

The vaccination sites saw an incredible amount of volunteer time dedicated to the smooth delivery with NHS partners stating they couldn't have delivered the vaccinations the way they did without the volunteer support – FINALLY – part of our mission is complete – getting the volunteers the recognition and appreciation that they so rightly deserve!

Whilst as I currently write this edition there is a lull in everything vaccination wise as the NHS prepares for the boosters around September time. What this holds for Havering Volunteer Centre and our wonderful volunteers is still unknown; all I can say is – WATCH THIS SPACE!

Covid-19 related volunteering is not the only area HVC supports and we have continued to assist our Voluntary Sector Partners with hundreds of referrals from residents interested in supporting their service delivery via volunteering.

Since January 2021 HVC have supported 1004 new volunteer registrations, 24 new organisations and 69 brand new volunteering opportunities.

For HVC there truly is never a dull moment!

DID YOU KNOW HVC HAS AN AMAZON SMILE PROFILE?



Amazon Smile is a quick, simple and hassle free way of generating small donations for your chosen charity and the best bit – it costs you nothing – Amazon cover the donations!

How to use Amazon Smile on a web browser:

1. Visit Smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for amazon.com
3. Select your charity: Havering Volunteer Centre
4. Start Shopping – Remember to use the Amazon Smile site to start generating donation otherwise it doesn't count.

NHS
Did you know NHS 111 is now available online?
30,000 people use it each week.
111.nhs.uk

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE?



For information, advice and support call Havering Carers' Hub on 01708 961111

WE THINK YOU'RE KIND OF A BIG DEAL!

Thanks for Volunteering With Us
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Havering Volunteer Centre are always so appreciative of our volunteers, which is why you will never see us stop saying thank you!

A large part of our success is due to our wonderful volunteers, who seek out opportunities to help others, always come back asking to help some more and are always at the end of the phone (or email) to help where they can.

It's amazing volunteers; just like you that keep us continuing to do more for the community – it's people powered action!
Thank you for all that you do – we just couldn't do it without you!

WE ARE GETTING OUR JOBS BECAUSE WE CARE



WE ARE HAVERING

#DoingMyBit



VOLUNTEERING ROLES OF THE MONTH



Telephone or Email Assessor – Volunteers offer advice, information & support by exploring clients problems and helping them understand their options.



Pantry Volunteer – The Peabody Pantry based in the Harold Hill Community Hub are looking for enthusiastic and understanding volunteers to support clients accessing food, ensuring that they have an enjoyable experience.



Logistics Volunteer – Joining the volunteer family, sorting through incoming donations and picking items for referred families. No experience needed. Just a friendly can do attitude.



The Government offers a number of grants and schemes to help with:

- fuel bills
- ensuring your home is more energy efficient
- getting a new boiler, insulation or other improvements

To find out more information on the scheme contact: greenhomes@havering.gov.uk or visit www.havering.gov.uk/greenhomesgrant

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP REDUCE CRIME IN YOUR AREA?



If you would like to support your local police team, share local crime information or find out ways to prevent crime happening to you then become a Ward Panel Member or join your Neighbourhood Watch Scheme by contacting:

Shelley
chair.havering.snb@gmail.com

HAVERING COMMUNITY HUBS



Did you know there are three types of Community Hub in Havering:

- Virtual Hub
- Harold Hill Community Hub
- Rainham Community Hub

Virtual Hub:

This offers all the information about what's available and what's on in Havering at your finger tips. At just a touch of a button you can search what events are coming up, jobs available and services provided.

Harold Hill Community Hub:

Run by the community for the community, open Tuesday's 1-5pm offering a wide range of advice & information and Thursday's 1-5pm offering employment support. They also have a food pantry open on both days too.

Rainham Community Hub:

Newly opened the Rainham hub open Wednesdays between 10am-12.30pm at Rainham Library with support tailored to housing, money, well-being and community safety and Fridays also between 10am-12.30pm at the Mardyke Community Centre offering advice on Employment and Money.

To find out more visit: www.HaveringCommunityHub.com

VOLUNTEERING AVAILABILITY AT HVC



*Bee inspirational
Bee a volunteer*

- **Community Engagement Volunteer** – We are looking for volunteers that are engaging and passionate about volunteering to engage residents into volunteering who are looking for new opportunities or to improve their health, wellbeing and employability.
- **Volunteer Receptionists** – If you would like to be the face of HVC and welcome visitors to our building, answer telephone and in person enquiries and undertake light admin duties this role is perfect for you!
- **Volunteer Pathway Advisors** – Would you like to be part of turning someone's life around, giving them hope and opportunities they didn't think possible or just helping find something to keep them busy? We are looking for encouraging and supportive individuals, listen to their aspirations and help them reach their goals by connecting them to volunteering opportunities

AGE UK ADVICE & INFORMATION



Advice & Information available which is free, independent and confidential to older people, their relatives, carers and friends. Contact Pauline on 07375 535655 or email haveringadvice@gmail.com

ROOM TO REWARD – VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SCHEME



Room to reward is a unique volunteer recognition charity created to say 'Thank You' to the hidden heroes – inspirational people who do so much for so many in the name of charity.

Their partner hotels donate unsold rooms, charities nominate their hidden heroes for a break – Room to Reward make it happen! If you currently volunteer for an organisation, let them know about this fantastic Volunteer Reward Programme.

Please visit www.roomtoreward.org and register your charity!



HAVERING COMPACT



The Compact Forum is a great place for Havering charities and community organisations to meet and keep apprised of key issues and to have a voice with the main stakeholders in Havering.

Local statutory and voluntary sector organisations work together on the Havering Compact, which is the local agreement between the public and voluntary and community sectors, on how to work together effectively.

If you would like to find out more about Compact or how to become a member please email Kim.Smith@Havering.gov.uk

HAVERING VOLUNTEER MANAGERS FORUM (HVMF)



Did you know Havering Volunteer Centre facilitates a bi-monthly Volunteer Managers Forum?

If you would like to come along to the next Forum meeting and build new partnerships with other voluntary sector organisations, be kept up to date on relevant sector information and changes or share news on services relating to your organisation please contact:

HVC via volunteering@haveringvc.org.uk

ARE YOU LOOKING TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR SERVICES?



All we need is your volunteering role description and we'll do the rest for you! **Top Tip:** Be specific in what you are looking for or any skills needed as this helps us to best match volunteers to your needs.