

The Volunteering News



BEE THE CHANGE BEE A VOLUNTEER 2025

WE HAVE A FACEBOOK AND X PAGE



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accounts:

Find us on X : @Havering_VC

Find us on Facebook: @HaveringVC

BE A GOOD EGG – EASTER APPEAL

TIME 107.5 fm

BE A GOOD EGG

This Easter wouldn't it be nice to do something amazing?
Could you Be a Good Egg?
Help us give underprivileged children a reason to smile this Easter

Happy Easter

ROMFORD BID

Clarke's

You can drop off your chocolate eggs at
Time FM Studios or Clarke's Carpets
Roneo Corner.

Mar - Apr 2025

Havering Volunteer Centre News

We cannot believe we are 3 months into the New Year already and it's already been a busy one!

HVC are currently operating on a skeleton staff base supported by wonderful internal volunteers. Despite this from the 1st January – 28th February 2025 we have had 298 individuals register their interest in volunteering, with 45 new volunteering opportunities becoming available.

HVC said farewell in February to our young Volunteer who joined HVC 13 weeks ago as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. She joined us and undertook various administrative tasks that will help work towards skill building. Everyone at HVC wishes her the very best as she continues her learning, we know that she will flourish and continue to succeed.

Heading into March, HVC will be hosting their Annual General Meeting. This primarily is to look back and reflect on the past 12 months of achievement's but this year we will be heavily looking forward to what the future holds.

If you have read our newsletter and emails before, you will know that our funding from the Local Authority is tenuous. This is in further jeopardy as the rent on the building we hire from the Local Authority is also proposed to increase over 200%. It is looking ever more likely that we will be forced to relocate as the increases are not sustainable.

We should be getting ready to celebrate Volunteers Week in June 2025, however it is not practical to plan when HVC's future is so uncertain. Likewise we should also be looking forward to celebrating our 10th Birthday in June 2026. This milestone seems to be slipping from our fingers.

Nevertheless, HVC in true 'stiff upper lip' fashion will continue to plough forward and achieve the very best for those wanting to volunteer and those seeking volunteers to support their services.

If you want to volunteer, we will always support you to find the best opportunity to suit what you and the organisation is looking for. Our team, no matter how small or the challenges we face, will always provide the same excellent, person-centered support.

Drop us an email at volunteering@haveringvc.org.uk or give us a call at 01708 922 214 if you would like to explore opportunities!

DEBT WORKSHOP – 24TH MARCH

Struggling with debt?

Join our **FREE** workshop for helpful hints from our trained advisors on managing your finances and tips and tricks on managing debt.

Please scan the QR code and register to join this free event delivered by Citizens Advice Havering.

12:30 - 14:00
Monday 24th March 2025

Location: Romford Central Library, St Edwards Way Romford, RM1 3AR



citizens advice Havering



Registered charity number: 1002593

ROMFORD SHOPPING HALL – EASTER HALF TERM FUN!

EASTER HALF TERM DONE THE "DINO" WAY!

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
DINE WITH A DINO
(4 SESSIONS ALL DAY)
MEET BABY DINO'S WHILE YOU DINE
DINO THEMED MEAL
FEED THE T-REX & RIDE THE RAPTOR
(ONE RIDE PER CHILD)
***£12.50 per child £2.00 adults**

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL
EASTER BONNET DECORATING
(5 SESSIONS ALL DAY)
GET CREATIVE - DECORATE AN EASTER BONNET WITH DINO STICKERS, EGGS & LOADS MORE!
***£4.00 per child**

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL
DINO EGG HUNT
ALL DAY DROP IN 10 AM - 3 PM
VISIT OUR LOVELY SHOP OWNERS & COLLECT LOTS OF LOVELY YUMMIES - WE'LL PROVIDE A MAP & BAG ON THE DAY
***£4.00 per child**

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
DINOSAUR EGG ROCK PAINTING
ALL DAY DROP IN 10 AM - 3 PM
MESSY PLAY
WEAR OLD CLOTHES
DESIGN YOUR DINO EGG
***£3.00 per child**

DID YOU KNOW?
OUR FRIENDS AT ROMFORD BID HAVE HIDDEN DINO'S ALL AROUND ROMFORD, "ROMFORD ROADS"
THERE ARE 18 TO FIND IN TOTAL IT'S TOTALLY FREE!
YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR MAP FROM KC TOYS GROUND FLOOR MONDAY - SATURDAY 10 - 3
FREE NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ALL EVENTS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED (EXCEPT THE DINO TRAIL) PLEASE SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY AT ANY OF OUR EVENTS *small booking fee

ROMFORD SHOPPING HALL 43 MARKET PLACE ROMFORD RM13AB
WWW.ROMFORDSHOPPINGHALL.COM

Havering Service Spotlight

We are Habitat for Humanity, one of the world's leading housing charities.

What We Do

Our vision is a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live, and a world where housing poverty and homelessness are eliminated. We believe that the home is a key catalyst in helping to permanently break the cycle of poverty.

To achieve our vision, we build homes, partnerships, communities and networks; since 1976, we have built more than 1.3 million homes and served over 20 million people.

How We Do It

Housing and shelter are the cornerstones of our work, but we believe happy and healthy homes require more than bricks and mortar – they need to be part of a thriving community to really benefit the families who live there. As such, our programmes support a range of home building and community projects, focusing on practical support that makes a real, tangible difference to the lives of those most in need.

What is ReStore?

Habitat for Humanity ReStore Great Britain is a home improvement retail store dedicated to supporting vulnerable people in need of safe and decent housing. Based in the vibrant community of London, our ReStore is a social enterprise that plays a pivotal role in funding Habitat for Humanity's efforts to create affordable housing and promote sustainable communities. As the first ReStore in Great Britain, we are proud to offer a unique shopping experience with an extensive range of quality items. From furniture to DIY materials, every purchase directly supports our mission to build a better future for the community. Join us in this initiative, where conscious consumerism drives social impact and discover a world of possibilities.

At ReStore, we accept donations and sell high quality items to customers to support our Empty Spaces to Homes programme. Designed to combat housing poverty whilst advancing the circular economy, ReStore extends the established 'charity shop' concept to recycle not only furniture and appliances, but uniquely unwanted DIY and home materials including doors, windows, bathrooms, kitchens, and even the nuts and bolts to hold everything together. The idea of ReStore has been tried and tested around the world for over 30 years by other Habitat for Humanity offices with great success. Today there are over 1,000 ReStores successfully operating across Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Poland and Ireland.



Habitat ReStore Romford
shop. donate. volunteer

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.HABITATFORHUMANITY.ORG.UK/RESTORE

8-16 High St
Romford
Essex
RM1 1HR

OPENING TIMES

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm
Sunday: CLOSED

ROMFORD ROARS!!!!



Between 29th March – 22nd April in Romford Town Centre you will have the chance to get up close and personal with a host of life-sized dinosaur models built from hundreds of thousands of toy bricks for FREE! These epic toy brick dinosaurs will be located inside The Brewery, The Liberty, The Mercury Mall and Romford Shopping Hall as well as participating stores around the Town.

ROMFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY



The Community Pantry is currently open every Monday from 1pm - 3pm.
It is open to all Havering postcodes.

There are two membership levels; £5 for a household up to two people, or £8 for a household up to six people. There are 40 memberships available, memberships last for up to six months.

Each membership allows access to reduced cost food and free food. We also accept Healthy Start cards.

Booking shopping slots advised. Please bring your own bags.

If you would like more information please call 01708 380280

Volunteer Opportunities Spotlight



Repair and Refurbishment Volunteer – Do you enjoy DIY and building/repairing things? Can you spare some time to join our welcoming team as a Repair and Refurbishment Volunteer? As a charity we are new to the area, we sell all sorts of new, repaired and refurbished goods for home refurbishment. This is a rewarding opportunity for someone with good DIY/Building skills to help breathe new life into pre-used donated items



Chair of Trustees – We are looking for a Chair of the Trustee Board for an initial appointment of up to three years, where after re-election is possible. The role of the Chair is to provide leadership to the organisation and the board by ensuring that everyone remains focused on the delivery of the organisation's charitable purposes in order to provide greater public benefit.



Warm Space Volunteer – As a Warm Space Volunteer with Tapestry, you will help create a welcoming and safe environment for individuals seeking warmth, support, and community. You will be to support with hospitality, engage with visitors and signpost them to additional services if needed. Sessions run on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 10.30am – 3pm.



Telephone Support Volunteer – Do you want to use your interpersonal skills over the telephone to provide vital support and services information to people affected by dementia? As a Telephone Support Volunteer you will help people living with dementia, affected by dementia or people that are worried about their memory connect to support and services that are available to them. You will provide a service that is tailored to a person's needs, interests, abilities, history and personality. You will be a key point of contact for people using our services, ensuring that we keep in touch with people at a time when they need our support. Please note that this role will be undertaken every Tuesday, working from St. Georges Hub in Hornchurch.



Live Streaming Volunteer – To ensure that our services reach the whole community – we live stream our Sunday 10am service, every week as a minimum (other services are occasionally live streamed). This is a great opportunity to ensure that our community sees the service and feel connected to the church despite not being in the vicinity. Your role will be to work in a team of two (the person varies as we work on a rota) to manage part of the system.



Practical Park Volunteer – Would you like to join our practical volunteer group and learn new skills, whilst helping the environment & wildlife? Join our Rangers on Tuesdays or Thursdays for the morning. You'll get to have a go at many tasks, such as coppicing, creating habitats and building fences. Come and help our Rangers with practical work that makes our country park a great place for people and wildlife. Volunteering at Belhus Woods is hands-on - a great way to meet people, learn about conservation, get a bit of exercise and make a difference.

HAVERING WALKS AND TALKS

THE PROPER BLOKES CLUB **HAVERING WALK & TALKS**

Want to let off some steam?

Meet new people?

Get more active?

Come down and join our growing community of men making positive decisions to change their lives at one of our walk&talks

MONDAYS - TEAM ROMFORD

MEETING 7PM @ LODGE FARM PARK

WEDNESDAYS -TEAM UPMINSTER

MEETING 6:30PM @ UPMINSTER STATION

SUNDAYS -TEAM HORNCURCH

MEETING 9AM @ HORNCURCH COUNTRY PARK CAFE



www.theproperblokesclub.co.uk
07397501110

EPCA – INDOOR BOOT SALES



ON: 1857874

INDOOR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL
10AM - 1PM



TREATS, TRINKETS & TREASURE

Grab Yourself a Bargain!

Elm Park Assembly Hall, Eyhurst Avenue, RM12 4RA

EVENTS@EPCA.ORG.UK

100 HOURS VOLUNTEERING



In February, HVC recognised our first volunteer to reach 100 amazing hours of volunteering at the St George's Health and Wellbeing Hub.

Shweta volunteers 12 hours a week covering 3 shifts and reports feeling a definite boost in her confidence and skill building. She regularly meets and greets visitors to the hub and ensures they reach the right destination.

Shweta is an incredible asset to the hub along with her fellow volunteers.

Volunteering at St George's is a really rewarding role and patients visiting the hub always comment about how wonderful the volunteers are that welcome them to the site.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our team to meet and greet patients, complete feedback surveys, direct patients to where they need to be and share information about local services.

If you have 4 hours a week to spare and want to be part of a really lovely volunteering team then please send an email to Volunteering@haveringvc.org.uk and you might just be our next volunteer reaching 100 hours of dedicated volunteering!

HAVERING LOCAL LOTTERY



If you haven't heard yet, we have had some amazing wins on the Havering Local Lottery. We've had a £25k jackpot winner as well as, £250, £25 and plenty of free ticket winners!

This has to be the best lottery! Not only do players get the chance of winning fantastic prizes, you also get to support a local good cause at the same time!

Head to www.haveringlocallottery.co.uk

LIVE WELL HAVERING



Sign up for monthly health and wellbeing updates from the Live Well Havering newsletter!

Including information on ...

- Free health and wellbeing support services in Havering
- Exciting community events near you
- Important updates on topics from managing long term health conditions, to cost of living and support for carers, to loneliness, climate change and more

WWW.HAVERING.GOV.UK/NEWSLETTERS