

Volunteering in Prudhoe (ViP) May 2021

2nd Edition

.... supporting volunteering groups and volunteers in the Prudhoe, Mickley, Stocksfield, Ovington, Ovingham and Wylam areas

Have you been bitten by the Volunteering Bug?



At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic many local of people offered their time as volunteers to help support those most vulnerable in our communities by delivering food parcels and prescriptions or ferrying the elderly and disabled to hospital appointments. **You may have been among them!** As the need for such immediate support has diminished, you may find that you have been bitten by the “Volunteering Bug” and are looking for new ways to give your time.

If you'd like to hear some “Good News” stories how Volunteering has helped people, why don't you join us on **Zoom on Thursday 27th May at 2.00pm for our ViP get together.** Our Guest Speakers this time are Living Well Coordinators Charmaine Welsh and Vicky Stewart who both are attached to GP surgeries and support people through “Social Prescribing”. We also have a representative from Karbon Homes to speak about Silver Talk. **To register your interest in joining this discussion group, please email your contact details to: spetchells@prudhoe.org**



Volunteering in Prudhoe (ViP)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2540775599511177>

Find us on Facebook!

Useful information about volunteering, opportunities and shared information for community groups working with volunteers.



Don't forget to visit our friends at Northumberland Community Voluntary Action (NCVA)

<https://www.northumberlandcva.org.uk/>

We hope that you'll find some good inspiration as you read our **2nd Edition of Volunteering in Prudhoe**, sponsored by Prudhoe Community Partnership. If your organisation has any volunteering opportunities that are available, please let us know the details and we will promote them for you – send details to:

volunteeringinprudhoe@gmail.com

“SHOWCASE TIME”



Opportunity: Meet and Greet

Organisation: Prudhoe Community Partnership – Arts Trail

Location: Prudhoe

*“The Prudhoe Community Partnership is coordinating another **Art Festival which runs 10-24 July 2021**. Artists will be displaying some of their work in local shops for public viewing. The aim of the project is to promote Prudhoe as a town to visit and to celebrate the arts. **We are looking for volunteers...***

- *To welcome visitors to a pop-up shop displaying art-work*
- *To show visitors around the Front Street venues displaying art-work*
- *To liaise with shops to gather statistics of visitor numbers and analyse it*
- *To help artists with displaying pictures (in the week beginning 21 June) and taking it them down. (This would suit someone with DIY skills)”*

This is a short-term volunteering opportunity, but it is hoped to extend volunteering roles across a number of local projects in the coming months. To register an interest and to find out more, please email your contact details to: spetchells@prudhoe.org

Opportunity: Retail

Organisation: Tynedale Hospice at Home (Prudhoe, Ponteland & Hexham)

Position: Retail Volunteers

“Tynedale Hospice at Home raises half of its overall income through its charity shops and this directly supports the work of the hospice in caring for the community. The charity prides itself on selling good quality, preloved items and its team of dedicated and passionate volunteers. Tasks include serving customers, operating the till, sorting and displaying stock.”



To find out more or to apply, please visit tynedalehospice.com/get-involved/become-a-tynedale-hospice-volunteer/ or telephone 01434 600 388.



Opportunity: Befriending

Organisation: Karbon Homes, Silver Talk

Position: Silver Talk Befriending Service Volunteer

“Volunteering for Silver Talk is incredibly rewarding, and as a phone call from one of our volunteers could be the only conversation that service user has with anyone that week, you will be making a world of difference to that person’s wellbeing. Currently, all of our volunteers are working from home. Wherever you’re based, as long as you have access to a device and the internet, we would love to have you on board as part of the team. Full training provided by the team at Karbon Homes. All volunteers will be provided with a mobile phone to make the calls.” For further information contact the Silver Talk team on 0191 2238662 email us at silvertalk@karbonhomes.co.uk or you can apply online: <https://www.karbonhomes.co.uk>