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## Selected Volunteer Opportunities in the Borough AUGUST 2010

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**14<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE (SOUTH PARK) SCOUT GROUP** are a thriving Scout Group in Woodhatch with over 50 young members who actively camp and undertake lots of exciting activities. To keep the group running they urgently need volunteers to help on their Management Committee. They are seeking committee members to help them in each of the following areas: Facilities Management & Maintenance, Fundraising and Administration. If you have experience in any of these areas please do get in touch.

**ACTION FOR LIFE** run 25 weekly walks in various locations in East Surrey. In Reigate and Banstead, they have walks in Reigate, Redhill, Nutfield Marsh, Merstham, Tadworth, Banstead, Headley and Gatton Park. Their guided walks are led by a team of volunteer walk leaders and they are looking for Assistant Walk Leaders to support their expanding scheme. They are particularly looking for volunteers to help run their pram walks at Banstead, Merstham and the YMCA in Redhill. The short weekly walks (excluding Saturday) are held in the mornings, generally at 11am and usually last 1 hour. If interested in attending a fun and informative short 3 hour walk leader training course please contact us for more information.

**AGE CONCERN – BANSTEAD** has restructured to respond to the current challenging economic environment at the same time as providing a basis for expanding to meet the needs of a growing proportion of older people in the area. To pursue their expansion they now need several more volunteers to help with the following aspects of their work: **Car Scheme:** This provides personal transport for Health and Welfare appointments. They need more volunteer drivers willing to use their own cars. A mileage allowance is paid to drivers.

**Befriending Service:** To visit isolated, elderly people in their own homes for a cup of tea to relieve loneliness. They need more volunteers willing to spare an hour or two for this vital service.

**Information service:** Their office is often the first port of call for older people requiring information on a wide variety of topics. They need volunteers to help provide this service.

**Minibus:** A few more volunteer drivers are needed to help maintain the service they provide to a variety of organisations serving older people..

**AGE CONCERN – MERSTHAM, REDHILL & REIGATE** are looking a variety of volunteers including Day Centre Helpers to support work of their Day Centre at Merstham. To help out with kitchen, ad hoc duties, chatting and keeping their clients company. They are also desperately looking for Volunteer drivers to pick up and drop off their members in their minibus in and around the local area. Timing is flexible.

**DIANA FRANCIS HOUSE** is a scheme based in Caterham on the Hill designed to equip five adults between the ages of 18-45, who have physical and/or sensory impairment and/or mild learning disability, with the skills to enable them to move on to future accommodation and a lifestyle of their choice. They are looking for Befrienders to befriend a tenant, perhaps by meeting up for chats and coffee, helping to plan weekly activities, share ideas and help investigate interests and local events etc. Volunteers need to be 18 years or over and timings are flexible.

**DYSCOVER** provides support, encouragement and opportunity to people with aphasia. They are looking for **Fundraising Event Volunteers** who are required to help Dyscover organise and run successful fundraising events to help the charity generate sufficient income. The role would involve working within a fundraising event team and would primarily focus on local initiatives. Timings are flexible. They are also looking for **PR & Marketing Volunteers** to raise their profile within our local community through the full range of media available. Timings are approximately 2-4 hours per week. To find out more about these roles and the work of Dyscover they are holding a Coffee Morning 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**FURNISTORE IN EAST SURREY** are looking for lots of volunteers for a variety of roles. Drivers, times are Tuesdays 9.30am-4.00pm, volunteers must be 25 years with a driving license. They are also looking for volunteers to help with customer service/admin for Tuesdays and Friday afternoons. Furniture Handling Volunteers to support the drivers and crew in loading and unloading furniture you must be physically fit for this and Fundraisers to work within a team to help with and organise fundraising events and also to help look at new fundraising ideas.

**GATWICK TRAVEL-CARE** provides assistance to users of the airport who experience various forms of stress-related incidents, e.g. lost passport, and missed flights, robbed of belongings, recent bereavement and other incidents emanating from natural disasters such as the Tsunami, involvement with other agencies such as Foreign and Commonwealth office, Police, Chaplaincy and Immigration. They are looking for Client Supporters; this role involves supporting their staff on a daily basis, offering assistance to users of the airport. They operate a shift rota, times Monday-Friday 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm and Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 9am - 4pm.

**HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF** are looking for volunteers for a variety of roles such as fundraising, helping out on their stands at events such as dog shows or village fetes or assisting with admin tasks. If you would like to get involved do contact us.

**KINGS LODGE NURSING HOME** in South Nutfield support and care for up to twenty younger physically disabled adults with long-term health conditions and up to 28 elderly clients, they are able to offer both long-term and respite care services. They are looking for Drivers for their 16 seater minibus to take their clients out to new places of interest on a Monday afternoon and Friday from 10am onwards. Volunteers should have previous experience carrying passengers and require D1 on their driving license.

**LOVEWORKS** is a small but dynamic local charity. They believe that if interested individuals pool their resources, it is possible to make a real difference to local people in hardship. Loveworks is growing fast and they are in need of a friendly, on the ball person with good computer and communication skills to assist the Projects Manager with administration tasks. Times are flexible to suit volunteer and volunteers would work from home.

**MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE** Charity Shop in Redhill are looking for volunteers, especially to help them out on Monday afternoons and Saturday am/ pm or all day. Retail experience would be useful, including till work and customer care.

**MERSTHAM COMMUNITY FACILITY TRUST** provides flexible community facilities for the wellbeing of all. They are looking for volunteers for a variety of roles such as I.T. Buddies, keyholder, caretaker and Trustees.

**OXFAM CHARITY SHOP** in Redhill are desperately looking for volunteers to help them with customer service, till work, as well as helping sort and display their goods. Your gift of time, skills and experience will help them raise funds for the poor throughout the world.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S FOUNDATION MOBILITY CENTRE** enables and supports disabled people to increase independence and improve life skills. Their vision is that disabled people should have the same opportunities as everyone else. They are looking for a volunteer to help them with their large garden and general help with cleaning their mobility cars.

**REDHILL COUNSELLING** are looking for Receptionists. Duties will include answering telephone, taking messages for administrator. Times: Monday - Thursday evenings (any one evening) from 5.45pm-9.00pm, normally the shift is split between two volunteers. Volunteers need to be available to set up rooms for counselling or clear away afterwards.

**REIGATE & BANSTEAD DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** are a very busy, innovative and well supported bureau and they now need a new Treasurer to join them as they pursue new opportunities. They are looking for somebody with financial qualifications or experience, a good working knowledge of Excel, Word and Sage, some experience or knowledge of charity finance, fundraising and pension schemes and skills to analyse proposals and examine their financial consequences also a willingness to be available to staff and to provide advice and guidance on financial matters. Timings are quarterly Trustee meetings, and bureau visit once per month-other times will be flexible to suit.

**REIGATE & REDHILL LIVE AT HOME SCHEME** Volunteers needed for befriending, wheelchair pushing and help for coffee mornings for their monthly shopping trips. Drivers are desperately required transporting elderly people to venues. They are also looking for volunteers to help with serving and cooking food at their Redhill centre on a Wednesday, training in 'Food Hygiene' is provided. A volunteer to help with the activities for a couple of hours in their Horley Day Centre on a Wednesday morning is also needed.

**REIGATE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL** is very active, covering an area from the western outskirts of Reigate in the west to South Nutfield in the east, from Chipstead in the north to Horley in the south. There are over 200 adults who provide leadership and support for about 1,100 young people of the District aged from 6 to 18 and young adults from 18 to 25. They are looking for a District Administrator to provide administrative support to the District Commissioner, District Team and District Executive committee (and sub committees). The role will involve maintaining records of leaders on district and headquarters database and process applications of new leaders and adults (arranging meetings etc.). Compile the Annual Census, maintain the District Directory and other administrative duties as required on an ad hoc basis. They ask the volunteer to work from home, have access to a computer with internet connection and be able to use email, and Microsoft Office programs (or other compatible programs). Timing is flexible.

**RELATE MID SURREY** will be opening a new charity shop in Epsom in September. They are looking for Charity Shop Assistants to join them in their exciting new venture, volunteers are needed to help in the shop and behind the scenes sorting and preparing the stock. You will make new friends and learn new skills which will benefit the needs of local children and families. Timing is flexible and you will need to be over 16 years old.

**ROCKINGHORSE CHILDRENS CHARITY** aims to make life better for sick children in Sussex and Surrey. They provide facilities and equipment for children centres, hospitals and respite facilities and are looking for volunteers to help out at various events throughout the year e.g. selling raffle tickets at their annual Christmas ball. You won't need to commit to any particular time or day as the events vary during the year, all training will be given.

**SANDRA'S RIDING SCHOOL, HORLEY** has twenty horses and ponies providing riding and carriage driving for people of all ages and abilities. Special needs facilities are important to them and their carriages are specially fitted to accommodate wheel chairs. All ages and abilities are catered for. They are looking for volunteers to help as stable hands.

**ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE** is a charity dedicated to providing specialised end of life care and gives support to local people, their families, friends and carers. They are committed to relieving pain and anxiety, and to helping people achieve the best possible quality of life. They are looking for a variety of volunteers; please contact us for more information.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED (SAVI)** is desperately looking for Low vision volunteers to support visually impaired people to make the best possible use of the reading aids/magnifiers purchased from SAVI and Eye Clinics. The volunteer would be visiting people in their homes and helping people to read more effectively. Times are flexible. They are also looking for Drivers to transport clients to ICT courses. These are just some of their recent opportunities, please ask for more details.

**SURREY CARE TRUST** are looking for STEPS Mentor's. This opportunity involves supporting young people towards the end of their time on their STEPS programmes or in the months after they have finished. Mentors help young people work out what they want to do next and then help them achieve their goals. The young people may have had a tough start in life and their STEPS programmes build their confidence and raise their aspirations. When they move on to the next stage of their lives it can be daunting, so the support of a mentor is so important in keeping them motivated and feeling positive about their futures. Typically the volunteer would see a young person for an hour once a week until they have achieved the goals they have set for themselves. Frequency and length of sessions can be varied by mutual agreement between you and the young person. Support and training will be given

**SURREY INDEPENDENT VISITOR SERVICE** is a service recruiting volunteers who visits, befriends and advises children in care who are looked after by Surrey County Council and live in foster care or residential homes. They ask for a commitment of two years to visit a child once per month. The volunteer will work with a child or young person, usually aged between 10 and 17, who do not have regular contact with a family member. Children come from all cultures and backgrounds. They are holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 12th October 2010 at Omnibus Building in Reigate from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For more information please get in touch with us.

**THE BRIGITTE TRUST** in Dorking offers emotional support and practical help at home, to individuals and families facing the effects of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. During the past year they have supported over 200 local families and they always need new volunteers to enable them to continue to provide this vital service. Make Autumn 2010 the time you join the volunteer team at The Brigitte Trust, supporting families. You will be joining a local charity offering valuable help at a time of real need. The Trust is recruiting now for October training. Their Introductory Evening is on September 16th. Do go along, without obligation, and meet some of their volunteers and trainers. For more information please call us on the number below.

**THE NATIONAL TRUST** maintain and improve the nature conservation value of the sites and improve them for visitor access and public enjoyment. The Reigate and Gatton conservation volunteers are looking for volunteers, to join them once a week on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am – 12.30pm. You will assist the local National Trust Warden with a variety of conservation and estate maintenance tasks either on Queens Park and Colley Hill above Reigate or in the half of Gatton Park that is under National Trust ownership. If you are at a loose end and fancy getting fit, being out in the fresh air and enjoying some of the glorious Surrey Hills countryside whilst preserving it for future generations then why not give this a try. Please do not worry about your state of fitness as whatever help you can give is greatly appreciated.

**THE ORPHEUS CENTRE, GODSTONE** is a performing arts centre for young, disabled adults based in Godstone. They are looking for Receptionists to add to their current volunteer reception team, this role will involve meeting and greeting visitors, answering and transferring telephone calls, dealing with the post and general administration duties. The Reception is manned between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and ideally looking for people to volunteer for a half or full day on a regular basis. They are also looking for Drivers to take their students out and about to work experience, doctors, leisure activities etc. These are just a few of their opportunities, please ask for more information.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** is the UK's leading charitable organisation providing financial, social and emotional support to millions of serving and ex service men and women, and their dependents. They are looking for a Poppy Appeal Organiser's for the Reigate area and also the Horley area (awaiting more information). They are also looking for Caseworker Volunteers to visit people in their homes; you will identify and assess the need for assistance and eligibility for help. Reporting to the County Field Officer, the work you do is crucial to how the RBL can proceed with the case. You will support clients throughout their application and ongoing case, by providing information, advice and sometimes emotional support. They are looking for someone who is friendly, has a professional manner, energy and enthusiasm, good communication skills; verbal and written and able to work both independently and as part of a team. Training and ongoing support is given.

**WELCARE EAST SURREY** is a Christian charity which works alongside parents and young children to achieve a better quality of life for the family or motto "Helping parents, helping children". They are looking for Family and Child Support Volunteers, the role involves a range of Crèche work; providing transport; summer drop-in helper; providing food for parties; fundraising publicity and lots more. No formal qualifications are needed. This role will suit anyone who cares about families and wishes to work preventatively with children and families in need, to achieve a better quality of life.

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