

## Volunteer Recruitment

### *Chat to discover interests and skills*

We have a simple application form and also chat informally about what a volunteer feels they would like to do and the opportunities we currently have on offer.

### *References taken up*

We ask for two referees and references are applied for from these if the applicant is going to work directly for us or the prospective voluntary group asks us to do this for them



### *Suitable placements are sought*

We look for these initially from the requests for help we have on the books, but also by contacting organisations who might have projects we do not yet know about but are working in the areas in which the volunteer is interested.

*Some volunteers work directly for the Centre, others are signposted to other organisations*

Some volunteers become actively engaged through us in our projects and activities. Others are introduced to other organisations who then take them on within their own organisations.

*Contact is maintained with the volunteer and the group with which they were placed*

At our Community lunches we offer opportunities for the exchange of information between member organisations, volunteers and other interested parties. We have a newsletter which is published quarterly and distributed to all volunteers and organisations on our database.



## *Training*

- ❖ Opportunities to gain experience and qualifications are often available through the voluntary sector.

These courses are often free or subsidised

We have information on courses currently available in this area.



## *FUNDING*

**Karl Parks, the Wealden Funding Advice and Support Officer, is based at the Volunteer Centre, to offer help & information about funding ideas for local groups & organisations. His contact is 01825 765136, or email him on: [wealdencommunity@btconnect.com](mailto:wealdencommunity@btconnect.com)**