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### Thursday or Friday Processor

A West Berkshire charity, which was established over forty years ago, provides local news on USB memory stick to blind and partially sighted people. Many listeners find this is the only way to keep up to date with what is happening in their community.

The charity is seeking a volunteer with 45 minutes to spare on a Thursday/Friday morning to help out at their base in Thatcham. The role involves emptying the postal wallets, marking them off against a register and assembling the wallets for the next edition.

Ref NY157

### Telephone Befriender

Being visually impaired makes social distancing extremely difficult and returning to normal activities is not an option for some.

A local charity runs a telephone befriending service which has had a significant impact on the lives of people who are visually impaired, and the requests to continue the service post-pandemic have been overwhelming.

If you can spare an hour once or twice a week to have a chat, you will discover how rewarding it is to build a new friendship and help someone feel less isolated.

NY2142

### Mentor

Are you passionate about investing in young people locally? Do you have an hour a week to share your knowledge, skills and expertise?

A local charitable project has opportunities for volunteers to mentor young people who are currently not in education, employment and training.

Mentors offer one-to-one practical support such as preparing CVs and interview skills, and also social-emotional/wellbeing support such as building self-esteem and a positive attitude.

The role would suit empathetic volunteers with good listening skills and a sense of humour. Previous experience of working with young people is desirable but not essential.

Ref NY2140

### Offender Mentor

Could you provide support and guidance to an offender, helping them move their life forward? A local project is recruiting volunteer mentors to work with offenders before, upon and after their release from prison. The role may also involve accompanying an individual to meetings or signposting them to other support services.

Volunteers will receive full training (which will hopefully begin in the autumn), as well as ongoing supervision and support. This role is suitable for non-judgemental and reliable volunteers who are able to work within strict boundaries.

Ref NY1721

### Area President

Have you led teams in a voluntary, business or public sector environment? An organisation that provides and trains first aiders is seeking an area president. In this role, you will champion and support volunteering, promote the work of the organisation in the community and build relationships with other local organisations.

The role is for an initial term of three years, with the time commitment expected to be 1-2 hours a week. The role would suit someone with excellent diplomacy and influencing skills, an ability to identify new opportunities and partnerships and who enjoys supporting others.

Ref NY1936

### Charity Shop Team Member

Help raise funds for a leading health charity by volunteering for a busy charity shop based in the centre of town. This is an opportunity to gain retail experience and meet new people.

Volunteers should enjoy working with the public, and as part of a team, and be happy to learn how to use the till. You will be provided with full training in areas such as till work, sorting, pricing and rotation of stock.

Ref NY16