

# VOLUNTEER WORKiNG



Corporate Social Responsibility

# Company volunteering in Woking

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Volunteer Woking, part of Woking Borough Council, offer a free of charge service that organises volunteering days for local businesses, bespoke to their business needs and values.

This document is designed to showcase volunteering day options that connect local businesses with local community, bringing Woking closer together.

Case studies demonstrate clearly that corporate social responsibility at its best is not a one way street but a partnership that rewards all those involved.



**Your Sanctuary**



# Environmental volunteering

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Volunteer with Woking's wonderful environmental charities and help with tasks, such as:

- Clearing scrubland
- Removing invasive weeds
- Planting trees and hedgerows
- Cleaning mausoleums
- Paint lock gates
- And much more.

There are lots of great opportunities for your team to get outside and help to protect the environment.





# Charities

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Woking's wonderful charities would love to welcome teams of corporate volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as:

- Painting inside and outside
- Gardening
- Grounds maintenance

Helping charities with tasks such as this could save them up to £1000 a year, which could then be well spent elsewhere to support Woking's communities.





# Schools

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Schools are always in need of volunteers and always have a variety of projects.

Volunteering Day tasks could include:

- \* Painting classrooms and corridors
- \* Clearing wildlife ponds
- \* Creating wildflower meadows
- \* Clearing woodland for forest schools
- \* Helping to build sensory gardens.

Great for small or large groups and appreciated by the schools and children who benefit from these spaces. All year round options and especially needed during school holidays.



**The Oaktree Infant School**



# Community Spaces

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There are a lot of community spaces within Woking that can sometimes be in need of some TLC, like this community garden in Sheerwater. Projects vary and can be catered for all size groups. A real chance to absorb some community spirit!

Do you know of a community space near you that needs some helping hands? Let us know and we would happily look at making this happen.



**Sheerwater Community Garden**



# Community events

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There are many community events in Woking each year.

Options for volunteering could include stewarding local celebration events, such as Diwali, Chinese New Year or stewarding a local sporting event taking place in Woking.

Many charities also hold annual events so there could be options to volunteer with them too.



Diwali Parade 2022



# Sharing expertise

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Can your business expertise help a charity? Are you a Marketing professional, an Accountant, a Social Media Officer? Sometimes charities benefit more from shared knowledge rather than hands on volunteering.

If you feel that you could share your knowledge to benefit a local charity, please contact us and we can look at ways for you to help. You may not even need to leave your desk!





# Individual Volunteering

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Our website

[www.volunteerwoking.org.uk](http://www.volunteerwoking.org.uk)

advertises all the active volunteering opportunities in Woking and surrounding areas. Charities are looking for individuals who can volunteer on a regular basis. The opportunities vary and include Trustees, Governors, Befrienders, Hospital Volunteers, Gardeners, Helpline Volunteers and many more. Volunteer Woking are here to support you with any questions you have regarding individual volunteering roles.





# Donate to Woking Community Fund

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The Woking Community Fund supports local community and voluntary groups who are making a difference to the quality of local community life by awarding grants to fund their work. The Fund enables and encourages local business giving to support local community projects which help Woking residents, especially isolated older people, those affected by long term illness and disability, the environment, sport and recreation, young people, families and community facilities.

To find out more please email  
[volunteer@woking.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@woking.gov.uk)







# What local business's say

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“We had a great time helping to clear all the Himalayan Balsam at Barnsbury Primary School. The weather was so nice for us, and it was amazing to see the difference that just a day of our time made. We even made a little froggy friend!”

**Kathryn Balls, Account Senior, Menzies Accountants.**



“It was very satisfying to look back over the canal at the end and see the results of our hard work. We found it very rewarding to give something back to our local community, and it proved to be a memorable team building experience for us all, with positive feedback from everyone involved.”

**Jane Damon, Ecommerce Growth Executive, BOC**



# We want to volunteer, what next?

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Volunteer Woking can organise your Volunteering Day for you, making it as easy as possible for businesses to volunteer in their local community.

Please contact our CSR Officer to find a team building day, with the community at its heart.

**Email:**

[volunteer@woking.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@woking.gov.uk)

**Phone :**

**01483743816**

**Website:**

[www.volunteerwoking.org.uk](http://www.volunteerwoking.org.uk)



The Hermitage Primary School



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