

**If I'm interested in volunteering  
at John Storer House,  
what do I do next?**

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**Find out how you could  
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**October 2016**



## Shop @ JSH volunteer

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A volunteer is needed for our Shop @ JSH, a craft shop stocking items made by local craftspeople, raising funds for John Storer House.

### What does the role involve?

As the first port of call in the building, you would be welcoming, sign-posting and chatting to customers, helping them to choose gifts or items for themselves, and keeping simple but accurate records. During less busy times, you might be pricing and putting out stock or sorting stock for return, or even crafting your own items for sale.

### What skills and qualities are needed?

Volunteers need to be friendly, welcoming and patient and able to keep accurate records. An interest in crafts and display skills would be useful too.

### Which days and times are volunteers needed?

Various weekday mornings or afternoons to cover during other volunteers' absences.

### What do volunteers gain from the role?

Interaction with customers and visitors, experience of a community retail environment and the satisfaction of helping to raise funds for the work of John Storer House.



**Regular Support and Supervision provided by Stafftransport staff and the Volunteering Coordinator**

## Dial A Ride Service volunteers

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### What skills and qualities are needed?

You need to be physically fit, over 25 years of age and have held a driving licence for 2 years with Category D1 - this will involve a medical examination from your GP if you are over 70. You also need to be patient and sociable, enjoying the company of older passengers.

All drivers are trained to MIDAS standard and receive a nationally recognised certificate, valid for 4 years. The training involves both a practical and theory test. The role is considered to be a Regulated Activity for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) purposes, and so a new enhanced DBS disclosure, free to volunteers, is also necessary.

Due to the training involved, this opportunity is not suitable for job seekers or as a short term placement. In order to allow staff and prospective volunteers to decide whether it is the right opportunity for both parties, there will be an initial "shadowing" period of the drivers and wider transport team, when volunteers can experience the role and its requirements before making a definite commitment.

### Which days and times are volunteers needed?

Various days and times during the week by arrangement and very occasional weekends if that suits you.

### What do volunteers gain from these roles?

Volunteers enjoy using their driving skills, meeting people and knowing they are helping to make a difference to local people's lives.

## Community Transport Minibus and

### **Dial Ride drivers—What does the role involve?**

Are you friendly and reassuring and a good driver? Would you like to help transport older and vulnerable people who live near you to their medical and social appointments? Drivers use their own cars or our vehicle to pick people up from their homes, take them to their appointments and then return them home. A mileage allowance is paid.

### **What skills and qualities are needed?**

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy driving and the company of older people. Patience, confidence and safe driving skills are essential and a sense of humour always helps. The role is considered to be a Regulated Activity for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) purposes, and so a new enhanced DBS disclosure, free for volunteers, is also necessary.

### **Which days and times are volunteers needed?**

Mostly weekdays. Volunteers choose days and times to suit their commitments, sometimes a morning or a day per week, sometimes just a couple of hours

### **Community Minibus drivers—What does the role involve?**

Driving older passengers and those with disabilities to and from their homes on one of our minibuses and taking them to regular meetings and clubs at John Storer House, or on various social and shopping trips. You would usually be accompanied by a volunteer Passenger Assistant who helps the driver to assist people from their home onto the bus, using the steps or lift, provides reassurance on the journey and then helps the driver assisting passengers off the bus and to their destination.

**Regular support and supervision is provided by Tf Team members and the Volunteering Coordinator**

## Passenger Assistant volunteers

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Are you physically fit? Do you appreciate getting out and about and would like to help others to do that?

### **What does the role involve?**

Travelling on our minibuses, assisting and accompanying older people and people with disabilities from their homes to their activities and groups at John Storer House and beyond, or going shopping in the Town Centre.

### **What skills and qualities are needed?**

You need to be physically fit as you will be in and out of the minibus, walking to and from people's homes and their destinations, carrying bags, pushing and securing wheelchairs or lending an arm. Patience and reassurance are also needed and a sense of humour helps a lot. The role is considered to be a Regulated Activity for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) purposes, and so a new enhanced DBS disclosure, free for volunteers, is also necessary.

### **Which days and times are volunteers needed?**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

### **What do volunteers gain from the role?**

The satisfaction of helping older people and people with disabilities to maintain and enjoy a social life and some independence.

## Well-being Activities volunteers

Would you like to volunteer with people with physical and learning disabilities and older people with additional support needs?

### What do the roles involve?

Supporting Activities Leaders in various activities, enabling people with physical and learning disabilities and additional support needs to achieve maximum participation, enjoyment and independence in completing various tasks.

### What skills and qualities are needed?

The ability to work alongside someone at their own pace, encouraging, enabling and supporting so that they can complete tasks themselves.

A new enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure, free to volunteers, may be required.



**Regular support and supervision is provided by Well-being staff and the Volunteering Coordinator**

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### What days and times are volunteers needed?

Volunteers are needed on most days with the following Groups in Loughborough

**Monday** 10am—12noon Memorable Mondays at John Storer House. Themed discussion and Bingo session.  
1pm—3pm Simple Sewing at John Storer House. Basic sewing projects including hand and machine sewing.

**Monday** 1-3pm (term-time only). Therapeutic gardening activities based at the Forest Road allotments.

**Tuesday** 10am—3pm. Near2Nature Allotment Project at the Forest Road Allotments. Shed Host needed to make refreshments and help the group with indoor activities.

**Thursday** 10am—12noon. Digging Well-being at the Forest Road Allotments. Planting, growing and harvesting tasks and related “in shed” activities.

**Friday** 10am-12noon. Simple Cooking at Trinity Methodist Church Rooms. Prepare and cook a meal to be eaten and enjoyed together.

**Friday** 10.30am —12.30pm. The Craft Room. Various Craft activities at John Storer House.

**Friday** 1-3pm — Music and Movement at John Storer House. Basic singing with percussion instruments.