



Join our volunteers

Do you have any time to spare?

Kingsdon Village Shop is a community run social enterprise that relies on volunteers to keep it running and to maintain competitive prices. We already have many volunteers, but could always do with more so there are always 2 people in the shop at all times.

If you are aged over 16 and can spare just 2 hours a week for a shop shift, please pop in, or contact Rosemary Russell, Shop Manager, on 01935 849503 or email manager.kingsdoncentre@phonecoop.coop to see what times and what sort of volunteer jobs are currently available.

The most valuable volunteers are those who can reliably turn up every week, but everyone needs a holiday, or may be unwell, so it is also helpful to have some people we can call on a more flexible basis to see if they can fill in for regulars when they are away.

It is a great way to meet people, make friends and gain new skills. Volunteering at the shop will place you at the heart of the village and is meant to be sociable and enjoyable work.

Full training will be given and you will be placed with more experienced staff whilst you are learning.

Your volunteering can provide a stepping stone to gaining employment by giving you something interesting to add to your CV (and to talk about at a job interview) or it may give you the confidence to set up your own business in the future. We understand that when a paid job turns up you may have to leave us, but we would count that as a success!

Volunteering can be taken to whatever level you wish so we especially welcome inexperienced people who want to learn about how a shop is run, or to gain skills in marketing, fundraising, publicity, book-keeping, or building a business.

If you are a young person taking your Duke of Edinburgh Award then volunteering will count as the 'service' element of your Award and it will also enhance a college or university application. If you are looking for a paid job then a spell of volunteering first will give you some experience of how to operate a till, handle money and interact with customers. These are all skills that employers are looking for.

Alternatively, you may be more interested in helping us maintain or improve the premises or in keeping it spick and span. We want this shop to be the pride of Kingsdon so if you notice something that you think you can improve, why not volunteer your services to help fix it?

You will be very welcome to come and join us, **why not give it a try?**