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| Peer Supporters | You+ Shop Chelmsley Wood Town Centre Coppice Way | Solihull Stop Smoking Service – supporting local residents in North Solihull to quit smoking via 1:1 contacts, attendance at local events. | Please contact Jill Whitehead for more information on 0121 713 8915 | Negotiable | On-going |
| Wildlife Gardening Volunteers | North Solihull Warwickshire Wildlife Trust | Your Wild Life project – programme of fun and active sessions in parks and green spaces across North Solihull. Help us create a wildlife garden at Three Trees Community Centre. Explore local green spaces on our guided walks and look for wildlife on our BioBlitz events. No experience required! | Please contact Simon Phelps on 0795699314 for more information or email simon.phelps@wkwf.org.uk | 2hr sessions AM or PM on various dates | April to June 2014 |
| Customer Assistant | Solihull Shop Mobility Drury Lane & Touchwood | Assisting customers who have come in to the shops to hire mobility scooters and wheelchairs. | Please contact Patrick Joyce at 0121 711 4231 during the following hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday between 10 and 4.30pm or email pjoyce@solihull.gov.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Counselling Volunteer | Solihull Bereavement Counselling Service | Providing counselling for adults & children living or Working in the Solihull Borough (must have a certificate in counselling skills (one year course)) | Please contact us during office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30am 4:30pm Telephone: 0121 424 5103 | Negotiable | On-going |

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| Volunteer Reading Helper | Beanstalk Birmingham Office | Helping you to give a child the one-to-one attention they need to build their confidence and help them catch up with their reading. You'll give them a chance to learn at their own pace and adapt the sessions to suit them. | For more information please visit: http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/reading-helpers/why-become-a-beanstalk-reading-helper | 90 minutes, twice a week at a local school, minimum one year | On-going |
| Solihull Support Service Volunteers | Bromford Housing Solihull | Support clients living in their own homes to achieve an independent lifestyle. Help required could include gardening, cooking cleaning, attend cinema, clubs or local groups. | Contact Helen Key on 0121 704 9936 Email: Helen.Key@bromford.co.uk Further details can be found on the Do-it Website | Negotiable | On-going |
| Charity Shop – Warehouse | Welcome Chelmsley Wood | Helping in all aspects of warehouse duties and stock maintenance. | Contact Sam Marsh Service Manager on 0121 678 4730 or email info@welcome-solihull.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Charity Shop – Café assistance | Welcome Chelmsley Wood | Helping in all aspects of running a café. | Contact Sam Marsh Service Manager on 0121 678 4730 or email info@welcome-solihull.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Maintenance man / woman | Welcome Chelmsley Wood | Helping to keep our internal environment in working order | Contact Sam Marsh Service Manager on 0121 678 4730 or email info@welcome-solihull.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |

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| Groundsman / woman | Welcome Chelmsley Wood | Helping to keep the garden, grounds and baskets looking good | Contact Sam Marsh Service Manager on 0121 678 4730 or email info@welcome-solihull.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Support Workers | Welcome Chelmsley Wood | Providing support to individuals affected by substance misuse in a drop-in environment. | Contact Sam Marsh Service Manager on 0121 678 4730 or email info@welcome-solihull.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Manager | Around Again Arran Way Shops Smith's Wood | Volunteer required for Tuesday's and Thursday's to support volunteer staff. | Contact Dave Dixon on 07765671899 | 10 am to 4pm | On-going |
| Shop Assistant | Around Again Arran Way Shops Smith's Wood | Volunteers are required for Tuesday's and Thursday's to serve customers, handle monies, sort donated items etc. | Contact Dave Dixon on 07765671899 | 10 am to 4pm | On-going |
| 1) Healthwatch Champion, 2) Healthwatch Volunteer 3) Healthwatch Authorised Representative | Solihull, Healthwatch Solihull | There are three volunteering roles, all working to promote greater user involvement in the provision and commissioning of Social Care and Health services in Solihull borough. | Contact Karen Wilson on 0121 770 5434 or email enquiries@healthwatchsolihull.org.uk www.healthwatchsolihull.org.uk | Negotiable | On-going |

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| Support Volunteer | Solihull, Fry Housing Trust | Providing high quality support to the Trust's clients (people with convictions/at risk of offending), support workers and schemes in general. | Contact Hayley Doswell on 0121 358 9085 http://fryha.org.uk/articles/326-Volunteer-placements-up-for-grabs | Negotiable | On-going |
| Front of House | Solihull Arts Complex, Solihull Council | Local residents are being given the opportunity to working in the front of house roles at the Art Complex. | Contact the Box Office on 0121 704 6962 or go to the Join In section at www.solihullartscomplex.co.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Volunteer Walk Leaders | Solihull, Solihull Council | Volunteer leaders are needed to support the Striders and Strollers programme. This programme offers walks around the borough each lasting about an hour, lead by volunteers. Full training will be given to volunteers. | Contact the Solihull Active Team on 0121 704 8207 or Email: solihullactive@solihull.gov.uk | Negotiable | On-going |
| Asperger's into Volunteering | Colebridge Trust, Central Solihull | Do you have Asperger syndrome? Are you 18+? Not in Education Employment or Training? Want to do something worthwhile or gain work experience? Yes – then volunteering could be for you. | Contact Maureen Shepherd on 07789935212 or Email: maureens@solihull-sustain.org.uk | Negotiable | On-going |

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| Gardening Volunteers | Bluebell Community Gardens Chelmsley Wood Solihull Council | A variety of opportunities for people to get involved with from growing their own food in the vegetable patches, landscaping and developing area, general garden maintenance and much more. | Contact Nicola Arrowsmith on 07770 646 832 | Negotiable | On-going |
| Library Volunteer | Smith's Wood Neighbourhood Library Solihull Council | Based at Smith's Wood Community Primary School, 8.30am to 5pm during term time. Volunteers will be responsible for assisting library users, and stocking shelves. Full training will be given by library staff. | Contact Alan Brotherton on 0121 770 3451. | 2 hours | On-going |
| Visiting older and housebound adults in their home | North Solihull, Shirley, Solihull Central and rural Solihull Solihull Visiting Service | Volunteers to visit older and often housebound adults in their own homes on a weekly basis, wherever possible, for about 1 hour. | Contact Norma Todd on 0121 744 3902 and Margaret Benton 0121 733 8645 or Email: eric.todd4@btopenworld.com | Abt 1 hour a week | On-going |

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| Voluntary Befriending Scheme for older people | Solihull Age UK Solihull | Volunteering scheme for befriending older people across Solihull. It provides person-centred support for older people living in the community in order to promote individual independence, confidence and wellbeing. | Contact the Volunteer Befriending Service through the Volunteer Coordinator Sue Webb on 0121 704 3361. Web link: http://www.ageuk.org.uk/solihull/services-for-you/neighbourhood-care-scheme/ | Negotiable | On-going |
| Supporting Children, Young People and Adult Projects | Solihull Life Opportunities SoLO | Providing support for children, young people and adults with disabilities by: - delivering a wide range of projects - offering accredited training - preparing volunteers for employment | Contact Janet Down at SoLO St Andrew's Centre, Pike Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham B37 7US. Tel: 0121 788 3469. For more details click this link: http://solihullsolo.org/volunteering/ | Variable | On-going |
| Support Services Volunteers | Dementia Cafés, (1) The Bosworth Centre Chelmsley Wood, (2) Solihull Methodist Church Hall Solihull, (3) Shirley Methodist Church Shirley Alzheimers Society | Proving assistance for service users by: - serving refreshments - putting out buffet lunch - arranging table & chairs - engaging with service users | For further information please call: 0121 700 7365/7364 email: birminghamandsolihull@alzheimers.org.uk | Normally 10.30am - 12.30pm Various days | On-going |

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| Environmental Champions | Across Solihull Solihull MBC | Environmental Champions tackle the environmental issues that affect everyone in the Solihull borough, graffiti, littering, cutting back vegetation, pond clearing, painting play equipment. | For further information please call: 0121 704 8517 Or email environmentchampions@solihull.gov.uk Visit http://www.solihull.gov.uk/index.htm | Variable | On-going |
| Learn & Discover Volunteers | Parkridge Centre, Brueton Park Warwickshire Wildlife Trust | Helping to deliver environmental education and play activities in the Solihull area. | For more details of forthcoming information days please contact Amanda Evans on 02476 302912 or e-mail amanda.evans@wkw.org.uk Further information can be found at: http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/current-volunteering-opportunities | Negotiable | On-going |

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| Nature Tots Volunteers | Parkridge Centre, Brueton Park Warwickshire Wildlife Trust | Helping to support and deliver fun and exciting environmental activities at Nature Tots. Nature Tots is a weekly toddler group which runs on a Wednesday and Friday at the Parkridge Centre in Solihull | For more details of forthcoming information days please contact Amanda Evans on 02476 302912 or e-mail amanda.evans@wkw.org.uk Further information can be found at: http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/current-volunteering-opportunities | Fridays 10.00 – 12.30 | On-going |
| Adventure Playground Volunteers | Meriden Park Chelmsley Wood | Volunteer play worker opportunities, assisting the Play Rangers to run the sessions at this well used playground, after school, Saturdays and during school holiday's A full days training will be given, certificated at the end. A DBS check is required at no cost to the volunteer | For further details speak to the play staff at Meriden Adventure play ground, or e mail tchurchard@solihull.gov.uk | Negotiable | Ongoing |

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| <p>Adventure Playground Volunteers</p> | <p>Meriden Park Chelmsley Wood</p> | <p>Volunteers required for café. An opportunity to get involved in the delivery of refreshments to park users and public, a DBS check is required at no cost, Food health & safety and First Aid training will be given.</p> | <p>For further details speak to the play staff at Meriden Adventure play ground, or e mail tchurchard@solihull.gov.uk</p> | <p>Negotiable</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> |
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