

# Volunteer Vision

The latest volunteering opportunities in the South Hams



## Transform the South Hams from the street up!

The announcement of a Royal Wedding and a public holiday in April brings associations with **Street Parties** for some.

But did you know that many communities in the UK hold Street Parties and other 'meet the street' events throughout the year using a whole host of themes – things that matter to the local community, like *Play Street* (encouraging children's play) to *Safe Street* (promoting community resilience, First Aid, neighbour watch groups etc)? The list is endless.

Street Parties are private events, run by and for the residents, where the road is closed for the day to make way for bunting, chairs, games, food and a lot of chat.

Put simply, Street Parties provide an 'excuse to meet' in streets, and are a fun and effective framework to build stronger and positive communities – and it doesn't need to be complicated to get going. If you would like to put South Hams on the map this spring/summer, Streets Alive can help you to get your party organised. If you are interested please get in touch.

## Learn about gardening for sustainable living

**Landmatters** own and operate a 42 acre holding between Dartmouth and Totnes. Learn about permaculture, how it is applied, and how to make a valuable contribution to the vast and complex task of leading a

simple and more sustainable life! Activities include vegetable growing, harvesting, haymaking and working with woodland. There's also a growing role for volunteers who have skills related to solar and wind power, or carpentry and plumbing skills.

There are weekly community action days on a Monday and Wednesday. Why not visit and give it a try by coming along on a Wednesday morning and enjoy a free and tasty lunch with others in the communal yurt?



## Want to know more?

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## Green fingered and looking for a challenge?



The Kingsbridge Community Garden Project was started in 1995. Since then, volunteers have been working in the garden to try to make a dream come true. The end result is that what had been overgrown jungle is now a working organic garden with many interesting features. The Garden provides tasty organic food, plays host to a variety of wildlife, and has been the forum for many an important conversation. For some of our volunteers, the Garden has stimulated their appetite for new things: it has opened up doors and widened their horizons.

Would you like to help maintain this fantastic community garden? Volunteers are sought to help maintain the garden as well as helping at their events and open days and promoting the garden. You don't need specialist skills or qualifications, but any gardening experience or skill will be greatly appreciated in maintaining the garden.

## Caring for Cats and Kittens

Cats Protection rescue cats and kittens and find new homes for them. There is a range of ways that you can help. You can do lots of different things at a branch or adoption centre, from hands on work with the cats as a fosterer or cat cuddler, to public relations or fundraising.



We also need more volunteers to help with transport, retrieving feral cats, posters, admin (legacy & cat cabin scheme) and, in particular, fundraising.

Whatever your talents and whatever time you can spare - they need you!

## Filling Shoeboxes with Hope

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project - sending over 1.2 million shoeboxes packed full of gifts and goodies were wrapped, packed and sent to children in disadvantaged situations across the world by children and adults in the UK.

The current Dartmouth coordinator says this volunteering role has given her a tremendous feeling of satisfaction, it has been so worthwhile and she has met such lovely and fantastic children and people. Not only does it benefit the children who receive the gifts but it also helps the children involved in putting together these shoeboxes to learn about other parts of the world, the lives of other children less fortunate and to feel that they have helped to make a difference to another child's life.

This scheme needs a new Coordinator in Totnes to make sure that it continues to make a difference to the lives of so many children in need.

To find out more about the role and how you can help, please get in touch.



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