

Volunteering

locally



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**MANOR&CASTLE  
DEVELOPMENT TRUST**  
*together we make the difference*

We are a community based charity that was set up in 1997 to work with local people to regenerate the neighbourhoods in the Manor and Castle ward.

We have worked with our partners and local people to make a real difference to people's lives and we intend to continue doing what we do best – working in partnership with organisations that share the same purpose and values, working with local people to take control of their own destiny and developing solutions to challenges. A lot has been achieved since 1997, but there is still more to be done to make and sustain real long lasting changes.

## Best Start COMMUNITIES COUNT

### **Toddler Group Leaders**

We are looking for Toddler group volunteers and early years family centre activity volunteers who can support us to deliver a range of activities for parents and children under 5.

### **Early Years Volunteers**

Do you want to gain experience in working with children in an early years and family centre settings? Helping them reach their goals and have a best start in life.

Perhaps volunteering alongside a health visitor.

For more information contact Fiona Spotswood  
07507072234 or email  
fionaspotswood@manorandcastle.org.uk

## DIGITAL BUDDIES

### **Digital Buddies**

Do you have digital skills and people skills? Would you like to pass on your knowledge to others? If so, you could have what it takes to become a digital buddy!

For more information contact Karine Ball  
07870 682 981 or email  
karineball@manorandcastle.org.uk

## HEALTH CHAMPIONS

### **Health Champions**

Volunteer Health Champions support a whole range of activities across the area for young people and adults.

Volunteering roles are based on what you would like to do and the skills/experience you wish to develop. It could involve supporting people one to one, helping in a group, leading a craft workshop or something completely different.

Suitable for someone who wants to commit regular time. A personal development plan is completed as part of the induction and volunteers will be expected to keep monthly activity logs to ensure MCDT helps to develop the skills and experience of the volunteer

For information contact

Diane Cairns 0114 252 1072 | 07946436161 or  
email dianecairns@manorandcastle.org.uk

For further details and an informal chat contact the people mentioned or email  
info@manorandcastle.org.uk

**Based at 1st Floor Park Library, S2 5QP**

# MASKK

MASKK (Manor After School & Kids Klubs) is a growing local charity. Started in 1999 by local people, that provides a range of activities for children and families in the Manor and Castle area of Sheffield. Our services include affordable childcare, kids clubs, family activities, short breaks for children with disabilities, events and volunteering opportunities. All our adult roles require a DBS check, which we cover the cost of, and includes access to a range of training and experience to help build CV's.

## **Play Helper**

Our play helpers are people who want to help at our activities by being there to support the children to play. This could include helping us organise play spaces or events or helping prepare snacks and meals in the kitchen. Our Play Helper role is occasional and suits those who can not commit to a fixed schedule.  
*Suitable from age 14 to become a Young Helper*

## **School Escort**

Our volunteer School Escorts support our staff team to collect children from the local schools and walk them to MASKK. They help us to ensure a safe journey which sometimes involves enjoying play in a local park. We look for someone who can commit to the same slot each week and is great for parents/carers who are already collecting their own child from school and walking in our direction already!

## **Playworker**

We are looking for volunteer Playworkers on a regular basis who can help us create and support play opportunities for local children. This role is perfect for anyone who would like to support regular activities, you will get the opportunity to work with children and gain hands on experience of assisting activities.

## **Playwork Champion**

We are looking for volunteer Playwork Champions that can support MASKK and community groups to create and lead new opportunities for children on a regular basis. The role of a Champion is to manage and lead the new activities, in particular the planning and delivery of a weekly programme, with the help of volunteer playworkers and Play Helpers. This can include planning activities that are chosen by the local children and ensuring the safety and support of all involved. Some of the tasks can be delegated to the other members within the team.

This role is perfect for anyone who seeks leadership or management experience and likes working with children and the wider community.

## **Trustee**

As a Charity MASKK is overseen by a board of volunteer Trustees. These are people who give their time to meet bi-monthly and provide governance and accountability.

For further details and an informal chat contact us on 01142395739 or email [letsplay@maskk.org.uk](mailto:letsplay@maskk.org.uk) or sign up on our website  
**Based at Temple Park Centre, S2 1QT**

**maskk.org.uk**

*Community is not a place or building, community is about people who are connecting and building a relationship with one another. Our vision is to create a thriving community in the heart of Sheffield which will be recognised as a centre of excellence and a beacon of Hope for people across our city. We have numerous projects that volunteers help make happen*

### **Community Grocery Store**

This position is general store keeping including shelf stocking and rotation, customer services and general housekeeping and much more. The store is open Monday through till Friday and available time slots are either 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm where possible but we are flexible with school runs and work shifts etc.

### **Drivers**

We are very blessed to receive daily donations from supermarkets of their surplus stock and produce but we do need volunteer drivers to collect these for us. Collections are usually in the mornings and would need to be brought to the Hope centre for the Foundation Café and we will distribute to all projects from there.

We also have delivery driver positions on a weekly basis within our Hope Hampers Food Bank or during half term holidays for the HAF program that we are a part of which would entail delivering lunches made by our Foundation Café to external organisations who deliver half term activities.

### **Foundation Cafe**

The café is open Monday through till Friday 10am-2pm and we ask volunteers to commit to one day a week on 9.45am-2.15pm times where possible. The position in the café does involve food and drink preparation, general housekeeping, customer services and much more. This position will require a minimum of level 2 of Food Hygiene certificate which we will cover the cost of and do through our supplier.

### **Conversation Cafe**

The sessions will start mid-november and are looking like they will be on a Monday. This session will be a friendly place where people who do not have English as their first language, can come and use and develop their skills to converse in every day life. As a volunteer, we would expect you to help in running the session, be a friendly face for the attendees and help with general housekeeping and refreshments where applicable. The sessions will run for 60-90 minutes.

### **Hope Hampers Food Bank**

This project is on once a week on a Thursday and we ask for volunteers to be there from 10am-1pm. The position involves packing food parcels as required (either S, M or L) and interacting with clients who access the food bank. We also have delivery driver positions available at the food bank.

### **Polkadots Playgroup**

This is a weekly term time baby and toddler play group that runs 10.30am-12pm and we ask for volunteers to be there 30 minutes before and after. This position will require a DBS check which we will cover the cost of and do it through our supplier. The position involves setting up the games and crafts as per team leaders advice, setting up snacks and registration, interacting with parents/carers and where appropriate, the children, general housekeeping and packing down.

### **Jigsaw Cafe**

This is very much similar to the Polkadots but is aimed at the over 55s and isolated people. The café runs on a weekly basis on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons 2pm-3.30pm and again, we ask for volunteers to attend 30 minutes prior and after. It involves set up and pack down, general housekeeping, interacting with clients and taking part in the activities.

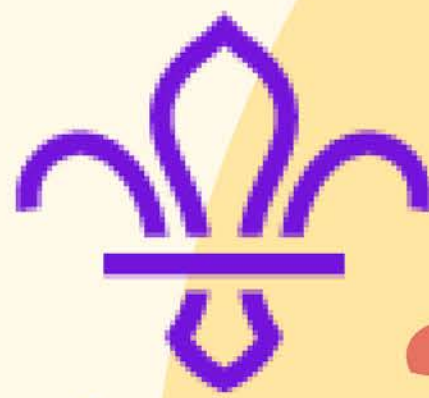
### **Little Ark Nursery**

We have a community nursery that runs in our building and we are looking for volunteers especially if they have qualifications within the childcare factor, to come and join our amazing team. The nursery is open Monday through till Friday 8am-6pm with hours usually being either 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm where possible. This position will require a DBS check which we will cover the cost of and do through our supplier. The duties would include setting up games and activities as per room leaders advice, setting up snacks and drinks, interacting with children and other team members, personal care, general housekeeping and any other relevant tasks as per room leaders advice.

**Visit us at The Hope Centre, Bernard Road, S2 5BQ  
Call 0114 213 2070 or email [info@hopecity.foundation](mailto:info@hopecity.foundation)**

**[hopecommunityfoundation.org.uk](http://hopecommunityfoundation.org.uk)**

# Scouts



## 186th Sheffield (Manor)

The everyday adventure we offer to our young people is possible thanks to our adult volunteers, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a Group, to being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

We have a training scheme for volunteers meaning that adults can get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer.

We've listed volunteer vacancies here – have a look at what you might be interested in and get in touch!

<https://186sheffield.org.uk/volunteer/>

### Occasional Helper

Occasional helpers get involved with a wide range of things that can support the group in a number of ways. This could be in the form of attending a session to be an extra pair of hands, attending a camp for the weekend, setting up for events, setting up activities, cleaning after a session, taking the register, or even just making some drinks.

This role would be perfect for anyone who can't commit to regular section meetings or doesn't want to be involved with direct delivery but still wants to support the Group.

### Section Leader

We are looking for section leaders that can support our Squirrels (4 – 5 years), Beavers (6 – 8 years), Cubs (8 – 10 1/2 years) and Scouts (10 1/2 – 14 years) sections on a regular basis. The role of a Section Leader is to manage and lead the operations of the Sections, in particular the planning and delivery of a weekly balanced programme, with the help of section assistants and young leaders. This can include planning activities that work towards badges, supporting young people to attend nights away experiences and ensuring the safety and support of all involved. Some of the tasks can be delegated to the other members within the team. The Section Leader will also attend and contribute to relevant Group and District meetings.

This role is perfect for anyone who enjoys a more management position and likes working with young people, helping them learn #skillsforlife

For further details and an informal chat contact Craig on 07784465026 or

[info@186sheffield.org.uk](mailto:info@186sheffield.org.uk)

**186th Sheffield Meet at St Swithun's Church and Temple Park Centre, S2**

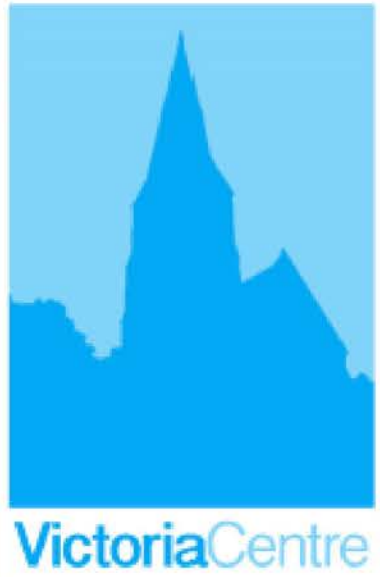
### Section Assistant

We are looking for section assistants that can support our Squirrels (4 – 5 years), Beavers (6 – 8 years), Cubs (8 – 10 1/2 years) and Scouts (10 1/2 – 14 years) sections on a regular basis. Section Assistants are adult volunteers who assist the Section Leaders in delivering a balanced programme to young people in Scouting.

This role is perfect for anyone who would like to support section meetings, you will get the opportunity to work with Young People and help them learn #skillsforlife

# #SkillsForLife

# Other Opportunities:



Victoria Centre are opening a memory/dementia cafe and are currently looking for volunteers to support this on Thursdays between 12.45 – 3.15 pm. Your time commitment can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. With Dementia Training available. Other roles available too.

For further details and an informal chat call 0114 273 9850 or email [v.c.e.admin@gmail.com](mailto:v.c.e.admin@gmail.com)

**Victoria Centre, Victoria Methodist Church Stafford Road, Sheffield. S2 2SE**



Sheffield Castle parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly 5k community event each Saturday morning. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! It is entirely organised by volunteers - email [sheffieldcastle@parkrun.com](mailto:sheffieldcastle@parkrun.com)

**Takes place at Manor Fields Park, City Road Entrance, S2 1GF**  
[www.parkrun.org.uk/sheffieldcastle/volunteer/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/sheffieldcastle/volunteer/)



Park Community Action aims to promote developments and improvements in the community for the benefit of tenants and residents, and to provide a forum where community groups can maintain contact and exchange information.

Hosting the volunteer library, The Pantry Project, Over 50s Table Tennis, Short Mat Bowls, Community Allotment and more. Volunteers are sought to support in various ways. Call 0114 273 9611 or Email [parkcommunityaction@gmail.com](mailto:parkcommunityaction@gmail.com) for more information.

**Park Centre 4 Samson Street (off Duke Street), Sheffield S2 5QT**  
[www.parkcommunityaction.co.uk](http://www.parkcommunityaction.co.uk)



Opportunities at **Sheffield Manor Lodge and Manor Fields Park**

Volunteer roles available include supporting school trips, landscape and gardens, welcoming visitors, Premises maintenance, tour interpreters, children's crafts and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact 0114 276 2828 or email [info@greenestate.org](mailto:info@greenestate.org)

**For more information visit:**  
[greenestate.org.uk](http://greenestate.org.uk)  
[www.manorfieldspark.org](http://www.manorfieldspark.org)



**Friends of Manor Fields Park**

We are local people who are passionate about our local park. We want to support the community to enjoy the amazing green space on our doorstep, including events such as monthly walks and talks. We are looking for new people to join us, meeting bi monthly on a Wednesday evening. Get in touch by emailing [contact@friendsofmanorfields.org](mailto:contact@friendsofmanorfields.org)  
[friendsofmanorfields.org](http://friendsofmanorfields.org)



**Manor Church & Community Project (MCCP)**

MCCP are seeking volunteers to support their Tuesday lunch club to support older people in our community, roles include cooking, serving or just being a good listener. MCCP would also like volunteers for other projects.

Get in touch by emailing [lisawigfieldmccp@gmail.com](mailto:lisawigfieldmccp@gmail.com)  
[templeparkcentre.org](http://templeparkcentre.org)



The S2 Food Bank, **St. Swithun's Church, Cary Rd.** They provide food parcels and information about financial management to people.

The Food Bank is run by a small staff and volunteers. Please explore the website for ways that you can donate food or money, or get involved by volunteering.

[www.s2foodbank.org.uk](http://www.s2foodbank.org.uk)

# Why I Volunteer:

Have fun,  
make friends

Learn new skills,  
gain confidence,  
be more active,  
help my community

Get out of  
the house



## What do local volunteers say about volunteering?

Julie has been volunteering for Best Start Communities Count and here is her story:



"I have been volunteering for best start for six years now and did my volunteer training with Fiona. This was very informative and I found it helped me within my role as volunteer. I also did my basic Food and Hygiene and my Paediatric First Aid. I originally started to volunteer as I was sole carer my husband at the time and needed an outlet where I could socialise with other people. Best start we're very understanding and knew my husband came first so if I had to cancel short notice there was no issue. They just supported me and asked if there was anything they could do to help me.

As the years have gone by I have become more involved and feel the support they offer to a volunteer is above and beyond. Even during covid when I wasn't able to volunteer they still kept in touch with me. I enjoy volunteering for best start as it's lovely to see parents with their children, getting out of the house and socialising. A lot of the parents find play group the only time they leave the house and are grateful for the space to interact with others. Best start has always been about the parents and overcoming social isolation and I feel they do this for both the parents and volunteers. I know if it wasn't for best start I wouldn't have coped when my husband passed away as just knowing they were there was a big relief for me. To volunteer for best start isn't just volunteering, it's like being a part of a big family."



### Will has been volunteering at Hope Community Foundation:

"Since I started at hope centre, I have gotten so much more confidence in myself while becoming better at taking opportunities that presented to me. I have learned so many skills that I can use in a workplace or at home like plumbing or working in a cafe. The people that work here are probably some of the friendliest and helpful people I've met and it helped me as a person so much."

### Craig volunteers for 186th Sheffield Scout Group:

"Working full time in a job that can be demanding left me wanting a hobby I could enjoy but carry on supporting my community. I saw the need for more activities for children and young people and knew my skills could help that happen. So in 2016 I decided to give my free time along with other local people to create our Scout Group. Since then I've learnt new skills that have helped me in my employed role too, made new friends and had an adventure."





***Sarah has been volunteering for Best Start Communities Count and here is her story:***

**"I am mum to 11 children from age 24 down to 4 years.**

**I was a school age mum and back in 1998 when my son was born it was a really hard thing to be. I was constantly judged, constantly watched and constantly judged. As a result I felt I didn't fit in so never attended any playgroups or play centres. By the time I was in my 20s and 30s my brood had grown so much I was still facing judgment so I still never felt confident enough to take my children to any playgroups, I just stayed home and became really isolated.**

**We then moved house to the other side of the city where I knew absolutely no one, this isolated me even more. I kept my children at the same primary school to try and keep some ties to everything we had ever known and did attend coffee mornings in school but I become really depressed and hated much of my life.**

**I then made a new friend at school, her child was in the same year as one of mine and we were also both pregnant. She became a pillar of support to me and convinced me that the local playgroup would love to have us and that they were all really lovely people.**

**When my baby was 14 months old I finally found the courage to try it, I knew he would be my last so it really was now or never.**

**Now I don't know why I was so worried about going, everyone just accepted us and didn't care my family was different. Parents often asked my advice or were just interested in how we did things.**

**This all lead to me wanting to get more involved. I figured I'm not the only mum out there who will have felt this same isolation so when I was given the opportunity to become a volunteer I was really excited.**

**Now my son is in full time school I'm a little lost been home alone and volunteering helps keep me out of the house so I don't become isolated again.**

**I've grown so much confidence when talking to strangers and can even go up to someone in a shop and ask a question. I have never been able to do this my entire life and I owe it all to the Best start team for running the groups we attended when my son was a baby."**

*What will your story be?*

Volunteering can help individuals gain experience and skills that help that might help you seek employment, or build your confidence to apply for that promotion.

**MaTReC**

Some roles also come with the opportunity to gain qualifications and recognised training too. MaTReC, Manor Training & Resource Centre, are able to offer a range of courses with hands-on volunteer roles that help people try new things and prepare for a range of careers. Including Administration, Working in a Kitchen, Working with Children in a Community Setting and more. MaTReC also deliver a range of other courses including Maths and English, along with creative topics such as Nail Art and Flower Arranging. MaTReC also provide free access to the internet, a community cafe & community shop, toddler groups, Dyslexia support and more.

Visit them term time Mondays to Thursday between 9am and 4pm at  
**304-308 Prince of Wales Road, S2 1FF - [matrec.org.uk](http://matrec.org.uk)**