

# *the* ECHO


*The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre  
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire*

## The Volunteer Centre


The Volunteer Centre will be promoting Volunteers Week (first week in June) with a series of Animal related posts.

This is the next picture-


Keep your eye on our newsletters and social media for more.



# Volunteers Week



Wombats tunnels provide homes for other small animals. these tunnels stay cool and provide protection from bushfires for species such as Rock Wallabies, Bettongs and Skinks.



Help Others  
Be more Wombat

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# Volunteers Week

There are many reports of Dogs helping humans.  
One is a Dog called Kabang, who saved two children from a fatal Motorbike accident by jumping in front of the Motorbike. Kabang lost her snout but survived this heroic act.

Make someone happy today and be more Dog



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# Volunteers Week

Each volunteering opportunity is unique, it might look the same but it is different- a bit like the Zebra. Their stripes may look the same but each Zebra's pattern is unique, like our finger prints.

Be different - Be more Zebra



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# Volunteers Week

No one likes being alone do they?  
Cows are no different and don't respond well to solitude. So why not volunteer today and expand yours and someone else's social network?



Be more Cow!



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# Volunteers Week

Volunteers week gives you the opportunity to learn more about what you can do to help others.

For example, Penguins work together to stay warm by rotating which Penguin is on the outside of the huddle.


Be more Penguin - volunteer today!



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**Volunteers weeks starts 1st June - 7th June**

**Check our new [Facebook](#) for more upcoming posts Facebook Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire**



The Awards are coming up, you can send your nominations in using the link on our website [Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Volunteer Centre – Bringing Volunteering To Life \(chesterfieldvc.online\)](#)

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**Some upcoming Events**



# BOLSOVER & NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE MAY UPDATE

## Hello Time Swappers

April was a busy month with lots of events attended and new members signed up. A special thank you to the lovely Time Swap members who helped me out at the Great Dronfield Get2gether and Home From Hospital events.

You may have noticed a Time Swap article in The Dronfield Eye and So Bolsover. It would be really helpful if each member could deliver some Time Swap leaflets to neighbours in the hope that this encourages people to join. If you are interested in earning time credits this way please get in touch with me.

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## Time on your hands? Share it!




### DERBYSHIRE TIME SWAP

**GIVE TIME. GET TIME.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Derbyshire Time Swap brings local people and organisations together, using their knowledge, skills, and most importantly, time, to support each other.

From making someone's day by learning a language - the possibilities are endless. What's unique about Time Swap is that every member's time is equal: for every hour you give to help someone else, you receive an hour in return.

Time Swap is flexible as you only offer an amount of time you want to do, when you want to do them. Then, as you earn your hours you can spend, save, or donate them to the community pot for people in need to use.

**IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE, GET IN TOUCH TODAY!**

Call Natalie on 07458 304316. Alternatively please call 0800 1 3181 3181 and ask to speak about Time Swap.

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**Time really does fly - are you making the most of it?**

Derbyshire Time Swap is preparing to celebrate its first anniversary, encouraging people to swap their skills and hobbies in exchange for time.

For every hour you give, you get one in return. You could help someone with their garden, paint a house, walk a dog, drive someone to an appointment, or promote Time Swap at an event.

In return, you could ask for help mowing a lawn, proofreading, using the internet, or learning to crochet, or with some basic DIY - the list of swaps is endless!

Natalie Evans, development officer for NE Derbyshire and Bolsover, said: "In 2023 we signed up 75 individual members, 34 organisational members and had 1,852 hours of swaps. In fact the first year has gone so quickly!"

"The variety of swaps has been amazing and it's been great to see members helping each other. We are always looking for more members so this will generate more swaps on offer."

Individuals over the age of 18 and organisations can join. Everybody in the swap has to be a member and all swaps are covered by insurance, provided the correct procedure has been followed. You only do swaps you want to do, when you want to do them, as there is no pressure.

Swaps can be one-to-one, or groups such as food and water and community swaps (such as litter picking). It's a great way of bringing people and the community together.

To say 'thank you' to members, first year celebrations will be held in May but there are also opportunities for anyone who wants to find out more information or become involved.

The events will be held at Bolsover Adult Education Centre on 19th May, 10am - 2pm and The Barn, Dronfield, on Friday, 2nd May, 10am - 1pm.

If you would like to get involved in Time Swap or for further information contact Natalie: [natalie@sdcdvs.org.uk](mailto:natalie@sdcdvs.org.uk) or 07458 304316, [www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk](http://www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk)

I will be on annual leave from 27 May and returning on 3 June





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**Links CVS**  
***invites you to***  
**Talk about your funding needs**



Foundation  
Derbyshire



CHESTERFIELD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**For groups operating in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire**

**Main Hall, Assembly Rooms**

**Market Hall  
Chesterfield  
S40 1AR**

**14th May 2024**

**11:00am - 2:00pm**

**Meet three funders face-to-face - Severn Trent  
Community Fund, Foundation Derbyshire and  
Chesterfield Borough Council.**

**Sandra Pink and Jon Wynn from Links CVS will be on  
hand to give advice about funding and discuss your  
funding needs.**

**No  
Booking  
Required**



A night of

# MOVIES AND MUSICALS

with the

## HONEY BELLES CHOIR

and guests

### IRELAND COLLIERY CHESTERFIELD BAND



**Saturday 18th May**  
**Doors open at 6:45pm**  
**Concert begins at 7:30pm**  
**Speedwell Rooms Staveley**

In support of  
Chesterfield  
Neonatal Unit

Standard ticket - £11.50  
Concessions - £8.50  
(over 65s/under 12s)

For tickets find us on:



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The King's Award  
for Voluntary Service