

Who are police support volunteers?

Police support volunteers are people with the time to give and the enthusiasm to make a difference. You don't necessarily have to have any particular skills – although specialists are always welcome – just the right attitude and community values. The hours can usually be flexible to suit you and your commitments – as much or as little as you can spare.

You could be:

- A student looking for experience and something valuable for your CV.
- In employment and looking for some variety or a change of direction.
- Out of work and looking to brush up on your work skills or gain some new ones.
- Looking to return to the workplace after having or caring for children and wanting to learn new skills.
- Retired with skills you could put to good use with us in support of your community.
- Already active in your community and keen to get further involved.

If you have a little time to spare, there is no better way to help your local community than by giving some time to the policing teams who work in your area.

I'm interested – what next?

Call us on 0845 045 45 45 and ask to speak to the extended police family co-ordinator in your area.

Find out more and apply to become a police support volunteer on our website, www.hampshire.police.uk, under the Vacancies and Recruitment section. Once you have applied, you will be invited to a short interview where we will discuss how you would like to help and how much time you can give. You will also need to pass our security vetting. Once you are appointed as a police support volunteer, you will take part in an induction and be given training and support to enable you to carry out your role.

Did you know you could become a volunteer police officer?

Special constables give up their time to work as police officers, often in addition to their full time careers. They carry out exactly the same roles as police officers, from patrolling neighbourhoods to responding to emergency calls. In addition, in some areas we work with local retailers to form Shopwatch Specials schemes, where people employed by retail outlets in town centres and retail areas are allowed by their employer to train as Special constables in return for patrolling their own retail area on a regular basis as a Special constable. For more information visit our website, www.hampshire.police.uk, contact the Specials Recruiting team on 02380 599732 or email special.constables@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Could you volunteer a couple of hours?

Communities frequently say that they want to see a uniformed police presence on the streets and in their neighbourhood. As the Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, it's my job to make the best use of our resources to achieve this and also deliver a whole variety of other policing services.

Having the support of people who give up their time and talents to help my teams means that I can keep officers and staff where you want them to be — out of offices and actively working in your neighbourhoods.

I need you to come forward and give whatever time you can spare to support my teams in delivering excellent service to our communities. If you feel that there are local problems affecting your neighbourhood, the act of giving your time to support your local team means that you could become part of the solution, and probably also give us a new perspective on life in your community. Together we can work to ensure our neighbourhoods are safe and feel safe.

We will benefit hugely from your support and skills, and equally there are benefits for you in coming forward to help us. Perhaps you want to increase your skills and become more employable, perhaps you are recently retired with more spare time and skills to put to good use, or perhaps you are simply motivated to do something meaningful with your spare time. Whatever the reason for your interest in volunteering, I hope you will apply and I look forward to welcoming you to the Hampshire Constabulary family.

Chief Constable Alex Marshall

What do police support volunteers do?

Police support volunteer roles range from administration support to victim contact work. The opportunities available will vary depending on where you want to work and how much time you have.

The role of a police support volunteer is not to do work that someone would normally be paid for or to cover when people are sick or on holiday. The role of a police support volunteer is to help us with the tasks that either enable us to give a better service to the communities we serve or to provide support which enables our officers to spend less time on administration or routine tasks and more time in your neighbourhood.

There will be roles to suit everyone, including:

- Helping to create community newsletters.
- Helping organise and record community meetings.
- Using our systems to identify trends and patterns of incidents in neighbourhoods, so that officers can work with local communities to tackle issues.
- Contacting victims of crime to keep them up to date with investigations and help us to provide a better service.
- Helping the Safer Neighbourhoods team in your area keep in touch with other police teams and the wide range of organisations they work with, from Neighbourhood Watch to residents' associations and local authorities.
- Providing general administration support to a team of officers and police community support officers.

The list goes on, and although there are no essential skills required to become a volunteer, if you have a particular skill you think you could use to help us, we would like to hear from you.

Why do it?

You will become part of a team, learn new skills, gain in confidence and enhance your own understanding of policing. You will also gain personal satisfaction from the knowledge that you have been generous with your time and talents for the benefit of your community.

In return we will benefit from your skills and the knowledge and different perspective you could bring to one of our teams.

I do it!

"I provide administrative support to the Safer Streets team, who deal with a range of issues from anti-social behaviour to licensing."

"I'm a mum of two who was going stir crazy at home so I looked for volunteer work to help me get recent experience that might help me get a paid role in the future."

*"I worked in an office before having children but this role has enabled me to update my skills on the computer and shown that I can learn new systems. I really enjoy my role which is a bit of everything — whatever needs doing to support the team."
— Carrie, Police Support Volunteer.*