

The Shop

At Bromsberrow

Volunteers at The Shop at Bromsberrow

Volunteers come from a wide range of ages, gender, experience and skills. These have included pupils from local secondary schools seeking work experience, undertaking community work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award or just wanting to volunteer. The experience has enabled many to go onto paid jobs and their input to the shop has been one of vitality and new ideas. Many of our volunteers are retired, work part-time or are in full-time work. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience and many become involved on the committee.

Volunteer roles include being involved in the daily running of the shop from being on the till, collecting newspapers, stacking shelves, cleaning, taking orders, doing home deliveries of shopping or community lunches, editing newsletters, running the Facebook page and website. The benefits to volunteers of working in the shop include making new friends, an opportunity to socialise, learn new skills, being involved in the local community, having a sense of self-worth and gaining experience for the world of work.

For the community, the shop volunteers provide a point of contact particularly for the elderly and vulnerable in the community. Community events organised by the shop bring a sense of cohesion within the local area, provide a place for newcomers to become involved, reduce social isolation for the elderly and those living alone, and is an information point for services people may need. Without the volunteers none of this work could happen and the shop has been able to work towards becoming a Community Hub.