John Storer Charnwood

Volunteer with John Storer

Do you enjoy driving and have a few hours a week to spare?

We are looking for reliable friendly **volunteer drivers** to help local people to get to essential medical appointments, shopping and social events.

If you have a full driving licence, your own car and a few hours a week please get in touch!

More volunteer opportunities inside

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As part of our volunteer team, you can contribute by giving time and support to our customers, service users and visitors and help us to make a difference in people's lives.
We are proud to have over 140 volunteers who provide thousands of hours of help a year.

Why join us?
We offer:

- a variety of different roles
- an opportunity to develop skills
- free training relevant to your role
- a sense of purpose as you help other people in your community
- a chance to share your skills and 'give back'
- an invitation to two 'Thank You' events a year

When do you need volunteers?
The roles available vary, sometimes a vacancy is on a particular day and time, other roles may be more flexible.

Can everyone volunteer with JSC?
We try to accomodate everyone. Sadly, sometimes we are unable to offer you a role that's a suitable match for your interests, availability and support needs. If that's the case we can help you to explore other opportunities through VAL.
See last page.

Volunteer Drivers

Our Community Transport is a lifeline to so many people! As a volunteer driver you enable eligible people in Charnwood to attend their leisure activities and appointments. We pay up to 50p per mile fuel allowance (we expect it to go up to 55p soon).

We are looking for drivers who are friendly, patient and caring, alert to difficulties faced by your passenger. To drive safely and assist some customers with mobility issues, some also have learning disabilities and or memory loss.

You need to be over 25 years of age and have held a driving licence for two years, plus have access to your own car.

We especially need a couple of drivers to help by driving our minibus on Wednesday and Friday mornings. You need to have a UK D1 licence (If you passed your car driving test before January 1, 1997, you likely already have one!) and to be able to push wheelchairs and secure them. We will train you. We require references and a DBS check (which is free for our volunteers).

Availability The DAR service operates Monday to Friday 8am to 4 pm. We are currently looking for drivers on various days.

You can choose to drive for just a few hours a week, or more, it's completely flexible.

One of our regular volunteer drivers.

Wellbeing Volunteers

We provide a range of Well-being activities for people with learning and physical disabilities, for people with memory loss and dementia. Our groups provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space. Staff devise and lead the activities, with volunteers supporting them. Participants attend each week, which gives us the opportunity to build rapport and get to know each other.

Wellbeing volunteers help participants to engage and get the most from sessions. if you are patient and compassionate, keep to safeguarding, hygiene and safety practices, we would like to hear from you! You will not be required to do any personal care.

Some of our groups:

Memorable Moments - Wednesdays & Thursday 10.00 am – 3 pm. These sessions are for older people living with dementia or who are socially isolated. **We are looking for volunteers who are patient and compassionate,** for a morning or an afternoon. Activities are designed to stimulate the mind, encourage movement and socialisation, with lots of fun and laughter.

Thursday Drama for people with additional needs, involves games, singing, improvisation and rehearsals for the three annual shows. Activities encourage independent creative thought, promote self-esteem and confidence. Sessions are each Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30 pm, afterwards many participants stay to eat lunch together. **We are looking for volunteers who are up for fun, joining in, empowering and encouraging participation.**

Digital Marketing Volunteer

Help us get our stories out, and so attract volunteers, donations and grants, get more groups hiring rooms and people eating in our cafe. And ultimately help us help more people who might otherwise suffer from loneliness and food insecurity, help us help people to live fuller independent lives longer. You may be a student or returner to work looking to help us by using your skills and looking to get a reference from a work environment in return. Or perhaps you're well set up in your career and don't need anything from us except the feelings that come from helping people.

Availability This role can be done at times to suit you.

Bingo volunteer

Working alongside the Bingo Leader Volunteer, you'll be helping to set up the session, welcoming people, selling tickets and recording sales (on the sheet we'll provide). You'll check wining lines and houses

Availability Bingo happens on Friday afternoons, 2 to 3.30pm, you'll be needed a little bit before and after.

Events volunteer

We run open ticketed events, as part of our fundraising programme. They may be afternoon or evening, at some we'll have live music and a bar. These include an 80's Disco on Sat 3 Oct, and Indie Band Night on Sat 19 Dec.

Events volunteers may help set up at the start, or pack away at the end, sell tickets at the door, serve on the bar (if you are over 18), or serve other refreshments. You don't need to do all of these for an event!
We'd like to create a list of volunteers willing to help out - you can tell us which event(s) you'd like to sign up for.

Availability You can choose which you volunteer for - some events will be day time and others evening.

Cafe volunteer

Volunteers help us in various roles in our Cafe and Snack bar. Tasks can vary -from clearing tables to keep the cafe nice and clean, to using the dishwasher, making teas and coffees, taking orders and operating the till.

Availability We offer 2 hour slots. Days and times of vacancies are likely to change - ask when you apply.

Story capturing Volunteers

We are creating a bank of stories which demonstrate the difference John Storer Charnwood makes in people's lives. We want to gather evidence of our impact to share with a wide audience – the public and potential service users, funders, stakeholders, donors and everyone! We may use quotes or longer stories on our website, on social media, and 'case studies'.

We'd like to hear from you if you are comfortable talking to people and putting them at ease, this could be interviewing people and recording what they say (one to one or in groups). We'll provide some equipment. You'll need an understanding of confidentiality, trust and consent and how this relates to the project. You might have editing skills – for written materials, or software for reels. We'd like to have two or more volunteers working together on this. We provide free training in Safeguarding and Confidentiality & Boundaries.

Availability

This role can be done at times to suit you and our interviewees.

Next steps!

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Louise, is usually available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Call 01509 631 766, or Email louise@jscharnwood.org.uk
Complete the form on the other side of this page and leave at our Help Desk.
Check out updates on our website:
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VAL Volunteering

You can go to this website, or scan the QR code.
https://volunteer.valonline.org.uk/

You may want to take a photo of this page to keep these details.

Want to join JSC volunteer team? Put your details on the form overleaf and leave it at our Help Desk.

Yes, I am interested in volunteering for John Storer Charnwood.

First name:

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Second name:

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Preferred pronouns:
She/her He/him They/them or other

Your phone number or Email Address

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How would you like us to contact you – email or phone?

Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

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Today's date: .....

Please leave this completed form at the Help Desk.
Thank you!