

# **Community Voluntary Service Information Sheet**

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# **Volunteer Retail Opportunities across Bedfordshire**

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Use the links below to the Simply Connect platform, for more details on each role. If you are interested in the role, you can register an interest. You will be prompted to create an account first if you don't already have one.

The organisation will get in contact with you about your interest in the role using the Simply Connect messaging system.

If you wish to talk more generally about volunteering and what might be a suitable role for you, then contact us at Community Voluntary Service:

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## **IMPAKT Housing and Support**

IMPAKT preloved is in Bedford town centre, and supports people and communities throughout the county of Bedfordshire and the surrounding areas. Their main focus is the supply of re-usable furniture and domestic appliances, everything from chairs, tables and lounge suites to beds, wardrobes, washing machines and cookers, preventing such items from ending up in landfill needlessly.

Opportunities currently available:

**Retail Assistant Including Till** 

Van Crew

### **Keech Hospice Care**

Keech Hospice Care charity shops can be found in many locations in Bedfordshire and Luton selling a wide range of donated goods and second-hand furniture. They provide much needed income to provide nursing care for adult patients in Luton and South Bedfordshire and for children from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes, who have life-limiting and terminal illnesses. In addition to their physical shops they sell online and in their ebay shop.

Opportunities currently available:

eBay Volunteer

Keech Charity Shop – Sandy

**Retail Shop Volunteer** 

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CVS Information Sheet: Retail Volunteer Opportunities: Revised:13/01/2022 Page | 2 Retail Volunteer – Great Denham Store **Shop Assistant Volunteer** Shop Assistant Volunteer (Bedford) Shop Assistant Volunteer (Dunstable) **Shop Assistant Volunteer (Flitwick)** Shop Assistant Volunteer (Leighton Buzzard) Shop Assistant Volunteer (Luton) Level Trust Level Trust addresses poverty in Luton through provision of learning resources, summer school, family support and free school uniform, school shoes and coats. Their Uniform Exchange is set up like a boutique shop and any family can use it by swapping items they have finished with for items they need. Children can play, and families can get emotional support. Not quite a charity shop, but the volunteering role is similar, including preparing uniforms for the shop floor and replenishing, hanging clothes and serving the customer. Uniform Exchange Volunteer Marie Curie From clothes, homeware and books, to CDs and DVDs, Marie Curie charity shops sell a wide variety of products. They raise funds so that Marie Curie nurses can continue to provide care to terminally ill people and support their families. They have a retail shop in Bedford High Street. Opportunities currently available:

Retail Volunteer - Bedford

#### Oxfam GB

Oxfam works with other to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering. They have charity shops in Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable and Bedford which sell second-hand clothes, books and bric-a-brac as well as trade fair goods to help raise money for the charity. There is also a bookshop in Bedford which sells maps, music, stamps, and DVDs.

Opportunities currently available:

**Shop Volunteer** 

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## Salvation Army

Salvation Army charity shops offer affordable and sustainable fashion, furniture and more. They are dedicated to ensuring that everyone can afford basic necessities and to transforming lives through it. They support a wide range of services such as support for homeless people, and budget/debt advice. There's a specialist charity furniture shop in Luton, and charity shops in Leighton Buzzard, and Bedford.

Opportunities currently available:

**Accessories Specialist** 

**Bric a Brac Specialist** 

**Driver/ Stock Generator** 

Media Specialist

Sales Assistant

Social Media Specialist

**Sort Room Assistant** 

**Volunteer Driver** 

Volunteer Key Holder

**Volunteer Sales Assistant** 

#### Wood Green Animal Shelter

Income from the Wood Green Animal Shelter shops helps sick, injured & homeless animals to gain a better quality of life through our innovative rehabilitation & re homing programme, as well as educational support for animal owners and many other elements to what we do. There are shops in Biggleswade, Bedford, Kempston and Sandy.

Opportunities currently available:

**Book Specialist - Bedford** 

Book Specialist – Kempston

Fashion Volunteer - Bedford

Fashion Volunteer - Kempston

Fashion Volunteer - Sandy

Till Operator – Bedford

<u>Till Operator – Kempston</u>

Till Operator – Sandy

Volunteer Recruiter - Bedford

Volunteer Recruiter – Kempston

Volunteer Retail Sales Assistant - Sandy

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