
Volunteer Profile

Cobham Boomerang Bag Group Lead

Please note: Due to the current COVID-19 lockdown, this position is being offered as an initially home-based posting, to assist with planning for the project for when restrictions are lifted. Volunteers will be given guidance and have regular engagement with the Centre Manager via phone or Zoom to discuss plans and address any issues.

Where is this role based?

The Cobham Boomerang Bag Group is based at our Cobham Centre for the Community, on Oakdene Road, behind Cobham High Street.

What does this role involve?

- Helping to run the Cobham Boomerang Bag Group, which provides reusable fabric bags to local businesses to help cut down on the use of single use plastics.
- Running each Boomerang Bag session, including setting up the sewing equipment beforehand and packing away at the end.
- Welcome members to each session, making sure they have the support they need to use equipment safely.
- Liaising with the Centre Manager to ensure the group has all the materials and equipment it needs.

When will I be needed?

Boomerang Bag Sessions will last around 3 hours, from setting up to packing away at the end. The Centre Manager will discuss with you when and how often the sessions run when you start your role.

Who will I report to?

The Centre Manager will be on hand to help with any queries or issues you have whilst running the group, including procurement of new materials and equipment when necessary.

Who would this role be suitable for?

This role would be ideal for someone who:

- Enjoys sewing and needlework and wants to share their passion with others.
- Is organised and is happy leading others in an activity.
- Wants to meet new people and help benefit the environment and the local community.

Are there any requirements for this role?

No formal training is required for this role, but volunteers will need a good knowledge of sewing techniques, including use of a sewing machine.

Will I have to do any training?

Health and safety training will be provided when starting this role, and the Centre Manager will introduce you to the Centre and where to find all the equipment necessary to run the group.

Will I need a DBS check?

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is not required for this role.

This sounds like the role for me! How do I apply?

If you've decided on a role that's right for you, you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 01372 474 552 or email commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk.

They will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss what you would like to get out of the role, and take you through the application and DBS process.

Please note that for all our volunteers we require two references, either from an employer or a character reference from someone who knows you.