



Benefits of Volunteering for the Community

- Developing social capital and actively promoting and enhancing community cohesion (inter-generational, cultural) through joint events and activities, improvements to the physical environment, changing perceptions (e.g. older people's view of young people).
- Leading people into jobs as part of the intermediate labour market.
- Volunteers are at the forefront of civic renewal and community leadership.
- Building social networks and community cohesion with emerging impact in respect of volunteers showing more appreciation of other cultures.
- Improved health and wellbeing, reducing the impact on the NHS.
- Reduced crime rates.
- Enhanced social responsibility.
- Bigger reach into communities through empowerment and community participation.
- Increases economic benefit.
- Different people bring different benefits.