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## Bassetlaw Community Voluntary Service launch Volunteer Awards and Volunteer Event



Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service, as part of their ongoing work to support and champion the power of volunteering, have announced their annual Volunteer Recruitment Drive for the Bassetlaw voluntary sector, as well as the launch of the 2023 Bassetlaw Volunteer Awards - with eight different categories to choose from.

The award categories are Volunteer of The Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Cost of Living Support Volunteer of the Year, Health & Wellbeing Volunteer of the Year, Fundraising Volunteer of the Year, Supportive Volunteer of the Year, Outdoor Volunteer of the Year and Heritage Volunteer of the Year. Nominations are open now, with a closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> May, to allow judges time to pick their winners in time for the Volunteers Event on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

*Andria Birch, CEO, BCVS*, said “Our local voluntary sector could not serve the local community as well as it does if it was not for all the dedicated volunteers that help to keep them going. We know that there are many outstanding volunteers in Bassetlaw. The Volunteer Awards are the perfect opportunity to say thanks for their

commitment to volunteering, show them how appreciated they are, and inspire others, who may be thinking about volunteering, how amazing it can be. We hope to receive as many nominations as possible”.

The Volunteer Event, on 6<sup>th</sup> June, will be a showcase of numerous local charities and groups in Bassetlaw, who are all in need of more volunteers. Stand bookings are filling up fast, with over 50% already booked so if you run a local group or charity in need of volunteers, and would like to have a stand, then get booked in as soon as possible.

During the event, local people interested in volunteering and supporting their local community will be encouraged to attend to find out what sort of roles are available.

From gardening and walking to retail and admin there will be something for every interest.

The winners of the Volunteer Awards will also be announced during the event day.

If you would like to book a charity stall, nominate a volunteer, are interested in attending, or can support the events in any other way, please visit [www.bcvs.org.uk/volunteersweek](http://www.bcvs.org.uk/volunteersweek), email [bcvs@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:bcvs@bcvs.org.uk) or call 01909 476 118.