

Interested?

For more information
or
an informal chat contact

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Parking

SVS has five short stay parking spaces for deliveries only, situated at the rear of the building along with two disabled spaces. There is also two hour parking on St Mary's Street, all day parking in the East Street shopping centre car park and on-road meters around Hoglands Park opposite the Voluntary Action Centre.

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Street Homeless Prevention Team

Change someone's
life... become a
Volunteer Befriender



**Volunteer
Befriending Service**

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You Can Make A Difference!

Can you spare 1-2 hours a week?

Do you enjoy socialising?

Are you sensitive to individual's needs?

Do you want to make a difference to some one's life?

If So!

**You can become a
Volunteer 'Befriender'
working with
The Street Homeless
Prevention Volunteer Project**

We are always looking for volunteers to befriend our service users this can involve outings, shopping, trips or just meeting for a coffee and chat!

Fact!

'Many who have found some where to live still feel lonely and isolated.'

Often returning to the 'street lifestyle' they led before!

What We Do!

The Street Homeless Prevention Volunteer Befriending Service supports people by providing them with help and opportunities to regain their independence.

The Befriending Service was setup to form a network of volunteers who 'befriend' and assist people who have had a history of homelessness and live in the Southampton area in permanent or supported accommodation.

As a befriender, volunteers enjoy working on a one-to-one basis by providing social contact.

**Helping Others
&
Helping Myself!**

As a volunteer you can gain a greater understanding of the social issues affecting the community and the homeless.

Help others to lead a more meaningful life and get involved in other activities.

Help others to regain their confidence independence and self esteem.

Develop your interpersonal skills.

Gain a sense of achievement and fulfilment.

Or it could be a stepping stone in your career, gaining experience it leading to future employment!

No qualifications required!

All volunteers will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Check - CRB, as volunteers will be working on a one-to-one basis with vulnerable adults.