

SUCCESS STORY

Featured Organisation: Great Horwood Parish Council

Great Horwood Parish Council looks after a parish of 420 houses and 1,500 residents. The Parish runs various different activities and facilities to support their local community.

What was the challenge?

As a Parish Councillor, Jane Holland was keen to reintegrate the council with its community. A key focus was to deliver more community events in the centre of the community, for example by using the recreation ground which is owned by a trust. However, to deliver these events there was a need for more volunteers including an additional trustee for the recreation ground trust.

Support from Community Impact Bucks

Jane attended a Volunteers Advice Surgery in March 2016 and met with Hazel Finney from Community Impact Bucks. As Jane was new to working with volunteers Hazel was able to provide her with useful advice which could be put into practice easily and quickly.

What difference did this make?

The advice received at the Volunteer Advice Surgery was extensive and varied and provided Jane with practical ideas as well as signposting to Community Impact Bucks' online resources and training as well as support provided by other organisations. By putting into practice what she learned Jane has managed to recruit 24 new volunteers for a village event which she is hoping will lead to other things.

Quote from charity:

"Having never worked with, or recruited, volunteers before I am so grateful for the advice I received from Community Impact Bucks. It has given me the confidence and tips I needed to find and recruit some great new volunteers." **Jane Holland, Parish Councillor**

Summary from CIB:

"Recruiting 24 new volunteers is a fantastic result for the parish and I'm pleased that Jane was able to use the support we provided so effectively." **Hazel Finney, lead for volunteering, Community Impact Bucks**

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