



# SUCCESS STORY



'Volunteering is very rewarding from a personal perspective and you feel that your efforts are appreciated by the organisation you volunteer for.'

**Rob – xchangeBucks volunteer**

'Rob's skills have been really helpful in analyzing issues and helping to define a way forward in improving the xchangeBucks volunteering portal.'

**Alex – xchangeBucks manager**

## Volunteering – Digital Services for Community Impact Bucks

### Why did you volunteer?

I was between jobs and wondering what to do and I decided to look into volunteering. I feel I have good skills and experience, enjoy working with people so I started to look at what was available in Bucks. I like being busy and doing different things and the flexibility of volunteering suited my situation. My background is in Business Analysis and I wanted to use my organizational and analytical skills. I also liked the idea of helping the community and doing something that benefits people directly.

### How did you find the role?

I registered with XchangeBucks for email alerts that matched my interests. I received an alert about a vacancy to help the XchangeBucks manager look at the functionality of the website. I applied for the role and was interviewed shortly afterwards. The interview was informal and we discussed what the role involved and the skills that would be needed.

### How has the experience been for you?

I really enjoy my time volunteering. It has been interesting to meet colleagues who work for Community Impact Bucks and to understand what the organization does. I did not realise that the volunteering/not for profit area was so busy. I have learnt a lot which has helped move my career in a different direction. I also feel that the contributions I make are valued by the Community Impact Bucks team.

### What are the benefits for you?

Being able to carry out tasks that may not otherwise get done is rewarding after many years working in the public/private sectors. Personally, I have developed in areas that I would not have, if I had not volunteered.



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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Register at [www.xchangeBucks.org.uk](http://www.xchangeBucks.org.uk) to find a wide variety of Buckinghamshire volunteering opportunities.