



Community Worker

Are you a 'people-person', with a sense of fun and good communication skills, looking for part-time work?

The Parish Council is looking for a Community Worker to expand the range of activities and events that involve the residents of Simpson and Ashland, building on the residents' interests and ideas and working alongside them to strengthen community spirit and a sense of commitment to their neighbourhood. Simpson and Ashland are very different areas with a range of different community assets and population. The Community Worker will be active across the parish. The post, which in the first instance is planned to last for a year, is 8 hours per week.

Job Description

Aim: To improve the range of activities and events that engage and involve the residents of Simpson and Ashland parish.

The Role:

Work alongside residents to increase the number of activities to combat loneliness and isolation, enhance well-being and strengthen a sense of community spirit.

- Create opportunities for residents to access activities and events in neighbouring areas
- Facilitate access to services for residents in order to enhance healthy lifestyles and learning opportunities. This will include looking for opportunities outside the parish area and exploring partnerships with other parish councils and local organisations.
- Manage a small budget for supporting the work and investigate opportunities for covering costs
- Use a range of approaches to promote the role and include residents
- Ensure all activities are carried out to the highest safety standards
- Work alongside the parish council to judge the success of events and activities
- Report regularly to the parish council on both activities and information gathered which could be used to further support residents

Essential Personal Attributes:

- Understand and commit to Simpson and Ashland Parish Council's principles of 'doing with' residents, community engagement in decision-making and facilitating community resilience. Having a strong sense of feeling 'at home' in a community and, through knowing and interacting with neighbours and residents across the local area, improving the chance of better responding to and handling adversity
- Be a good listener and take on board a range of points of view
- Inquisitive and love learning
- Understand the importance of feedback and of using a range of communication methods in order to be as inclusive as possible

- Be able to work on your own and as member of a team
- Principled and non-judgemental
- Able to work flexibly to suit the role

Desirable Personal Attributes:

- Have ready access to email and the internet
- Know the area well

Pay: £10.65 per hour

Holiday: 28 days per year, pro rata

Reporting to: A small group of parish councillors

How to Apply

Please send a letter via email outlining why you fit the criteria and are interested in the role and a recent CV to sheila.thornton@simpsonashland-pc.gov.uk. Do include your full contact details and contact details for two referees, to whom you are not related. The references will only be followed up after interview. **Applications** to be in by **March 15th 2019**. **Interviews** will take place on the evening of **Thursday 28th March** in Simpson.

We recommend that you explore the website www.simpsonashland-pc.gov.uk to get a sense of the parish.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the role, please call Carole Baume (07810 152266) or Sheila Thornton (01908 609987)