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Get involved - Ways to help others

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Blackpool has a fantastic community spirit, and the last few years have really proved we are a town with a big heart, made up of residents who will support and care for others in time of need.

If you're in a position to offer some of your spare time to help others, take a look at some of the way to get involved and volunteering opportunities below:

Blackpool Food Bank

There are many ways to get involved; whether donating food, hosting a fundraising event, signing up for The BIG FOOD Pledge or by helping as a volunteer - however you are able to help, you can make a big difference!

Visit the Blackpool Food Bank website or Facebook page to see how you can get involved.

Volunteer Centre - Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde

There are 100's of groups and organisations across Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde looking for volunteers to help support their activities, just one hour of your time could really help.

Whether you would like to support a one-off fundraising activity, lend a hand with gardening, have administration or teaching skills, take a role as a visitor for isolated individuals, support patient care, get involved with history or friend's groups - take a look at volunteering.

Where do I start?

Organisations across Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde share their opportunities. See what's available.

If you are unsure of where to start or need assistance, you can get in touch or drop in and visit the Volunteer Centre, 95 Abingdon Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PP any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays for a one-to-one informal chat with an advisor. The team offer a free advice and matching service to help you choose the volunteering options that are best for you.

Borrow It Blackpool

Borrow It Blackpool is a community powered membership scheme from the Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde where donated or sponsored items are loaned to members for a small fee. Items that are available to borrow include household eletricals, gardening and DIY tools and leisure goods. The scheme has a range of volunteering opportunities available - plus you can donate money and your used items to the scheme.

Volunteering with the Council

The are plenty of ways to volunteer with us. Even a small donation of your time can be of great help to those who need it most in our community. See the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership for all our opportunities.

Shared Lives

The [Shared Lives](#) service matches local people with:

- Adults with learning disabilities
- Adults with physical disabilities
- Older people
- People with mental health needs
- Younger people from the age of 16

Anyone can be a Shared Lives carer and the team are looking for new people to join the team. You don't need qualifications or experience; just kindness, patience and a willingness to share your time and home.

Full training will be provided and there is a generous allowance for your time. To apply, make an initial enquiry via the [enquiry form](#).

At Home Library Service

The [At Home Library Service](#) is available for Blackpool residents who are unable to visit their local library due to illness, age or disability.

This much valued service is run with the help of volunteers. If you would like to help deliver books to people who are registered with the At Home Library Service, and you are over 18 with your own transport, please get in touch. Phone Carole Ashworth on 01253 476390 or [email library.info@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:library.info@blackpool.gov.uk)

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