

VOLUNTEER WEEK CELEBRATION AT THE ANSTICE

A meeting to celebrate Anstice volunteers and recruit more willing pairs of hands was held on 1st June, as part of national volunteering week. The Anstice Community Trust wanted to acknowledge the many hours of commitment given voluntarily by people within the local community, helping to get the Anstice back at the heart of Madeley, and to encourage others to get involved too.



As a result, there has been loads of volunteer activity over the last few weeks – a gardening party has been busy tending to the garden at the front of the Anstice building, pruning and digging and providing TLC for the existing plants, as well as ridding the gardens of empty cans and waste paper.

More volunteers came along to help with the refreshment stall held on 4th June as part of the Food & Craft Fair, serving hot drinks and delicious cakes, then more volunteers have given their time to help with setting up and clearing down the Anstice ballroom when we've had functions.

The Anstice now has volunteers prepared to share their social media and website skills, helping to look after the Anstice Facebook and website, and voluntary help with PR/media and promotion of events being held in the ballroom, from writing press releases to helping distribute posters.

Yet more volunteers have been cleaning in the Anstice and maintaining the ballroom floor to ensure it remains “second only to the one at Blackpool Tower”.

Volunteer support has also been forthcoming from local community groups Ironbridge Lions and Ironbridge Rotary who help with all manner of support needed at the Anstice. Most recently Ironbridge Lions have donated a 96 place crockery and cutlery set, enabling the Anstice to open it's doors as a venue for hire for those who want to hold their family celebration in this lovely building.

Like Oliver Twist, the Anstice needs more! There is so much to do, and so many opportunities for the local community to use their skills and time to help – even an hour given voluntarily once a month would be appreciated. Call Brenda on 01952 567286 or email brenda@madeleytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

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CASUAL CARETAKER/KEYHOLDER REQUIRED FOR THE ANSTICE

To be responsible for general caretaking tasks, light cleaning, setting up of venue for activities, keyholding and supervising of door when activities and events are held at the Anstice Memorial Hall, Madeley.

This is a casual part-time post, with varied and flexible hours of work, involving some evening, weekend and antisocial hours according to the events being held at the venue.

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