

Press Release

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WCAVA supports Citizens Advice to recruit a record number of new volunteers with help from online matching site

With the support of WCAVA, during January Warwick District Citizens Advice has seen a rise in volunteer recruits by some 12. This is great given the high demand on the service by local people needing help with issues such as benefits, housing and debt.

“Since using the WCAVA’s on-line matching site, Volunteer Connect, recruiting suitable volunteers to our service has been much easier and more successful, it’s been fantastic” said Tim Burden Volunteer Development Coordinator, Warwick District Citizens Advice



Tim Burden (far right) WDCA Volunteer Coordinator with some of the new volunteers

Most of the new recruits were matched to Citizens Advice through WCAVA's on-line matching site, Volunteer Connect, that was promoted last month on their New Year, New You tour, which saw staff out and about across Warwick District.

Helen Wilkinson, Volunteering Co-ordinator for WCAVA said '*Just by being out in the community gave us the chance to speak to lots of people about volunteering. We were heartened by the level of passion people had about wanting to help a good cause or give something back. Throughout the week of our tour over 40 new people registered their profiles through our website. This enabled Citizens Advice and other community organisations to identify suitable new recruits. I'm so pleased to see the positive impact of this work in action at Citizens Advice.*'

Anyone wanting and able to volunteer can call WCAVA for advice on 01926 477412. Alternatively visit our website. www.wcava.org.uk/volunteering-individuals, register onto Volunteer Connect and search for opportunities.'

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- If individuals would like to volunteer then they can visit www.wcava.org.uk/volunteering-individuals. They can register onto Volunteer Connect and can search for opportunities.
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