

Christmas 2025 Volunteering Opportunities

Scan the QR code to access lots of volunteering opportunities on our Volunteer Portal:



Westgate Christmas Wrapping- Supporting Sobell House

Love gift wrapping? This one's for you! Join us at the Westgate Shopping Centre to help spread festive cheer by wrapping presents in exchange for donations to Sobell House.

Multiple dates- 15th – 21st December

Spaces available: 4-6 per day

Hours: 10-3pm or 3-8pm

Location: Westgate Shopping Centre

Apply: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AFA623A0F9C61-58265179-westgate#/>

Crisis

Crisis works at Christmas and all year round in Oxford to help people experiencing homelessness find their own stable home and access education and training.

Every Christmas, local volunteers come together to provide warmth, companionship and vital services to our members (people experiencing homelessness) at one of the toughest times of the year.

Join our friendly and supportive volunteer community that's passionate about ending homelessness. With many volunteers returning year after year, the connections you make at Christmas can be long-lasting. And the relationships you build with people experiencing homelessness can be life-changing.

Apply: <https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-at-christmas/volunteer-at-christmas-in-oxford/>

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

OWNS supports the rough sleepers in Oxford each night during January through to March.

The Night Shelter offers dormitory-style accommodation, which is typically in church halls.

Night Shelter guests:

- sleep in safety
- have a friendly chat
- use a safe, private toilet in the night
- have a hot drink and simple hot food made for them
- go to bed in fresh linen with a warm, dry sleeping bag and blanket
- can dry wet clothes
- can talk to a volunteer any time during the night

Apply: <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/volunteer>

Salvation Army

Our wish this Christmas is that no one should be homeless, hungry or lonely.

We need your help to reach out to the people who are suffering the most by bringing comfort and joy into their lives.

With the current cost-of-living crisis, thousands of people are expected to turn to us for help this Christmas. In over 600 communities across the UK, we will be doing all we can for them, whatever their circumstances.

Apply: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/volunteer>

Oxford Christmas Lunch

A lunch run by Oxford Christmas Lunch at the King's Centre, with food sourced from local suppliers that would otherwise have gone to waste. It's for everyone who fancies some festive cheer! Head along for food, music, and family fun at the King's Centre, Osney, OX2 0ES from 12.30pm until 4pm on Christmas day. Transport can be arranged if you need it.

Numbers for both guests and volunteers will be limited this year - message for details, including an email address/ phone number if possible.

Volunteer at a Soup Kitchen This Christmas, Icolyn Smith Foundation

We have a variety of volunteers coming from all walks of life, both young and old, who freely give up their time. We are truly thankful to them and their families. Without their valuable time, we could not open on Wednesday mornings or over Christmas and New Year time without help.

If you would like to volunteer over Christmas/ New Year period, please fill in a volunteer form and get in contact with us before **Friday 5th December 2025**. All applications after this date will be deferred to Christmas 2026. Our Christmas lunch will be on 24th December and New Year on 31st December 2025.

Apply: <https://icolynsmithfoundation.co.uk/volunteers-and-trustees/>

Christmas Day Meal Volunteer, Bacon Drop in Centre

The Beacon Centre is a highly valued community service that provides a safe, warm, and non-judgmental space for homeless and isolated people in Banbury. Volunteers work in a team to provide food and drinks to visitors under the supervision of the Drop-in Coordinator. We are opening the doors to the centre on Christmas Day 2025 to provide a little festive cheer to a group of people who would otherwise be on their own without support.

People who are homeless or isolated benefit greatly from having a safe warm and non-judgmental place where they can have access to some food and drinks, interact with peers in similar circumstances and find out about services available to them and how to access them. Whilst we strive to give support throughout the year with simple hot meals and drinks, we want to make a special effort to provide warmth and a little joy at Christmas too.

We are seeking Volunteers to help us to provide a festive meal at the Banbury Drop-in Centre by working in a team to help serve the food and drinks to visitors under the supervision of the Drop-in Coordinator.

Apply:

<https://www.connectionsupport.org.uk/vacancies/beacon-drop-in-centre-2025-christmas-day-meal-volunteer/>

Operation Elf: One-Off Festive Volunteering Day

All we want for Christmas is... the gift of your time!

Join the British Heart Foundation (BHF) this festive season and help us make a difference by volunteering in one of our shops at our busiest time of year for a one-off festive volunteering day.

Whether you're spreading cheer solo or rallying your fellow elves (yes, groups are welcome!) and whether you can spare just a few hours or a whole day, this is a fantastic way to meet new people, try something new, and support lifesaving research all while having festive fun! 🧑🏻‍🎅

Apply: <https://myvolunteer.bhf.org.uk/event/6OoV1m4ZLKcwHXx2FzCnggyRNurjPN>