

YOUNG PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING AT WHITELEY HOMES TRUST



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Whiteley Village



About Whiteley Village

Believed to be the first purpose-built retirement village in the UK, building began in 1914 and the first resident, Elizabeth Palmer, moved into her cottage on 10 October 1917.

Established at the bequest of the estate of William Whiteley, the founder of Whiteley's department store in Bayswater London in 1863.

He bequeathed "as nearly as may be whole but not exceeding the sum of £1,000,000 sterling" for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of "buildings to be used and occupied by poor persons of either sex as homes in their old age".

This bequest came to fruition sooner than anticipated when William Whiteley was murdered in his store by a man claiming to be his illegitimate son.

The architectural and social ambition of William Whiteley's vision made the village truly outstanding for its time and it is still unique today.



Young People Volunteering at Whiteley

Whiteley Homes Trust welcomes young volunteers. Young people often like to use the skills they are developing at school to engage with and get to know the residents at Whiteley Village. Some plan activities while others help deliver Trust run initiatives and events. You can volunteer as an individual to fulfil your community service requirements with programmes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme or the International Baccalaureate Programme or you volunteer in a group.

The Volunteer Department is pleased to work with schools and individuals to ensure the volunteer programme provides opportunities that benefit both Whiteley's residents and the young people volunteering. The great thing about volunteering at Whiteley Village is volunteers really do feel they can make a difference and can see the benefit they bring to the residents they work with.

2017 is a particularly important year for Whiteley Homes Trust as it is our centenary year and we shall be running a series of events and initiating some special projects to mark this great landmark in Whiteley Village's history.

Here are some examples of how young people can volunteer:

Art and Crafts

Run an arts and crafts lesson or course with residents in Whiteley House or Huntley House. For example, show residents something you have been learning at school/college that they can try in a session

Photography

Take photographs of the village for promotional use. For example, make a calendar of the Village, take pictures to promote volunteering or a Trust event

Produce a coffee table book. For example, Whiteley Village Then and Now – select photographs from our archives and take modern day photos

Events

Devise an event for Villagers to enjoy. For example, a coffee morning/tea party/film afternoon

Help run and steward a Trust event such as The Centenary High Tea Celebration in the week commencing 9th October 2017

Media

Produce a promotional film to promote young people volunteering at Whiteley Village to go on our website

Interview residents, staff and volunteers

Themed video – Whiteley Village Centenary Celebration – Whiteley Village Volunteers – Whiteley Village Changing Lives, Whiteley Village - Young meets Old

Music and Dance

Design a music based game. For example, Name That Tune, Desert Island Discs

Lead a Sing Along session

Produce a musical/dance performance

Give a choral performance in St Mark's Church or one of our many performance venues

Sport/Activities

Challenge one of our clubs to a competition: We have a Bowling Club, Card and Board Games Group, Golf Club, Putting Club and Snooker Club

Organise a country ramble around the grounds and lead a group of residents – informing them along the way about Surrey wildlife and plants

Help to create our Centenary Garden

Drama

Present a play, Christmas Tableau at one of our performance venues





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