



PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Time to Volunteer ?

Pitstone parish council is often made aware of local projects and community groups that would welcome your time and involvement. We also receive calls from residents that would like to volunteer but don't know what opportunities exist. So, we have set up a database of opportunities. If you only have an hour or two a month, or have plenty of time on your hands, there is bound to be a role to suit you! If you are a community group that would like some extra support, please do get in touch and we will add your details to the database.

Community Car Scheme

Some residents have great difficulty getting to their hospital or healthcare appointments, especially when they are in another local town. If you would be willing to drive someone there in your own car (petrol and car parking expenses will be paid) and wait with them, then volunteering to join the community car scheme could be right for you. For further information, please contact the co-ordinator Klaus Ginda on 01296 668911 or Klausginda@btinternet.com.

Friends of Ivinghoe Library

Do you use Ivinghoe library? Are you interested in books? The Friends of Ivinghoe Library have taken over the management of the library, with core funding from Bucks County Council, and are looking to extend the services and opening hours. So if you are passionate about the service the library provides please get in touch with Gill Arney on 01296 668123 or gill.arney@tiscali.co.uk.

Memorial Hall Management Committee

Did you know that Pitstone Memorial Hall is run by a voluntary committee? It is also a registered charity. Without this team of dedicated people there would be nowhere for you to hold your parties or attend keep-fit sessions. They meet just once every six weeks, so it isn't too onerous a role. It is also a very exciting time to get involved, as the committee take-on-board the results of leisure survey to see how the hall should be extended or change to provide the services you've asked for. If you value the service that the village hall provides and can spare a couple of hours, the committee would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Secretary to the Hall Committee on 01296 660791 or memorialhall@pitstone.co.uk.

Pitstone Church

The church is looking for volunteers to man the church from 2.30-5.30pm on Sunday afternoons and Bank Holidays from May to September. It is a very pleasant afternoon in lovely surroundings and support is provided. If you have a little spare time on a Sunday afternoon and a passion to keep our beautiful historic church open to the public, then please pop along to one of the open afternoons and speak to the volunteers on site or email Jean Booth on jean.q.booth@btinternet

The Heritage Park at Pitstone Green Museum

The village is very fortunate to have such a fascinating museum on its doorstep which not only provides facilities for the parish but also attracts tourism. The museum is housed in the farm buildings which date back to 1831 and provide a window on rural life with many interesting displays and artefacts. The museum is completely run by volunteers. It is open on every Bank Holiday Monday, plus the second Sundays in June, July, August and September. They would particularly love to hear from anyone with DIY or restoration skills; anyone that would be willing to help serve

refreshments at the open days or anyone with a passion to preserve our history that would like to lend a hand setting up displays etc. Norman Groom is waiting for your call on 01582 605464.

Pitstone Parish Post (PPP)

Hopefully everyone is very familiar with the quarterly village magazine published by Pitstone parish council and delivered to every home in the parish free-of-charge. PPP would not reach your door without the sterling efforts of a band of distributors, each of whom posts between 16 and 70 magazines four times per year. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes, and we always welcome more distributors into the team – which helps to spread the workload or provide holiday cover etc. If you could deliver a few magazines down your road (or a close road), once every quarter, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Klaus Ginda on 01296 668911 or Klausginda@btinternet.com.

If you fancy yourself as a roving reporter, the next David Bailey or would like to turn your hand to a spot of editing, then the PPP Editor is always looking for an extra pair of hands to help write articles, prepare and write PPP. Please call Sue Nicholls on 01296 661910 or email pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk.

Pitstone Windmill

Are you interested in local history? Pitstone Windmill is one of the earliest surviving post mills in the UK and it has been looked after by the National Trust since 1937.

We are looking for volunteers to sell admission tickets and welcome visitors to the windmill on Sundays and Bank Holidays from June to August, 2.30 - 6pm. If this is something you might be interested in we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Visitor Centre at ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01442 851227.

Youth Cafe

Would you be willing to help the 11-18 year olds at the Youth Cafe? Could you offer them guidance, serve refreshments, join in the wii challenge, play chess or table tennis, teach a skill or help with community related projects? Whatever your age or your skills, this may be the opportunity for you. The cafe is open from 6.30-8.00pm every Wednesday during term time at Brookmead school. If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Clerk to Pitstone Parish Council on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

Pitstone and Ivinghoe 1st Scouts

The village has a very active Scouting community with Beaver sessions (5 years +) on Mondays and Tuesdays, Cubs sessions (8 years +) on Wednesdays and Thursdays plus Scout sessions (10 years +) on a Friday. We are always looking for additional assistant leaders to support the Pack Leaders each evening and get involved with activities with the children. The scout group is also a registered charity and there are also vacancies on the Executive Committee to help to ensure the troop is run correctly. We would love to hear from you. Please call Keith Steers on 07899 696722 or ksteers@aol.com.