

# GUIDE TO VOLUNTEERING



Building Communities,  
Supporting Families



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# VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our community work is at the heart of everything we do. We support people of all ages, from young families to older and more isolated members of our community, helping everyone feel valued, supported, and connected.

Through activities, advice, and simply being there to listen, we bring people together, strengthen connections, and create a community where everyone can thrive.

Volunteers play a vital role in making this possible. They give their time, skills, and compassion, offering a friendly face and a listening ear.

Every volunteer makes a difference, whether this is through their experience, energy, or fresh ideas. By joining us as a volunteer, you're helping us build a stronger, kinder, and a more connected community. Making a real difference in the lives of local people.



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## Make a difference in your local community

01.

**Children's Activities Volunteer** Assist with play sessions, crafts, and activities for children, helping to create a safe, fun, and supportive environment.

02.

**Events Volunteer** Help plan, set up, and run community events such as coffee mornings, family fun days, and seasonal activities. This role is ideal if you enjoy working with people and being part of a busy team.

03.

**Fundraising Volunteer** Support fundraising activities such as raffles, sponsored events, collections, and campaigns that help cover the centre's ongoing costs and keep services running.

04.

**Practical Support Volunteer** Help with promotional activity, setting up rooms, tidying spaces, preparing refreshments, or light maintenance to keep the centre welcoming and well organised.

05.

**Community Garden Volunteer** Support outdoor activities and play a part in creating a welcoming community garden for local residents

06.

**Community Outreach Volunteer** Help raise awareness of Howgill Family Centre by sharing information within the local community, attending events, distributing leaflets, and encouraging people to access our services and get involved.



# PREVIOUS PROJECTS

At Howgill Family Centre, we're proud to run projects that bring people together and provide support for elderly and isolated members of our community, while also offering practical help to local families. Here's a snapshot of some of our recent initiatives:



## Warm Welcome Hub

Warm Welcome Hub Volunteers help create a warm, friendly space where everyone feels at home. They support by setting up the space, serving refreshments, welcoming visitors, and helping people connect through conversation and activities such as knitting, crochet and board games, ensuring everyone feels comfortable, supported, and part of the community.



# PREVIOUS PROJECTS



## Christmas Gift Wrap

Christmas Gift Wrapping Volunteers help spread festive cheer by wrapping gifts for children and families who need a little extra support. They set up the wrapping area, carefully wrap and label presents by year group, and bring warmth, care, and Christmas spirit to every gift.

## Bingo

Prize Bingo Volunteers are at the heart of the fun! They help set up the space, hand out bingo cards and pens, support the raffle, serve refreshments, explain the games, and cheer everyone on. With big smiles and plenty of banter, they help create a lively, welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels included.

## Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts Volunteers help create fun, relaxed, and welcoming sessions. They support by setting up the space, preparing refreshments, sharing their craft expertise, and helping people develop their creativity, while encouraging friendly conversation, making sure everyone feels included, supported, and part of the group.

# FUNDRAISING



## Help us make a Difference

Howgill Family Centre is a safe, welcoming place supporting families and the wider local community. It's a space where children, parents, carers, and individuals can find support, connection, and encouragement. Everyday, the centre helps people build confidence, resilience, and stronger relationships and your support makes this possible.

## Why we are Fundraising

To continue our work, we rely on ongoing funding to cover essential day-to-day costs. Funds raised will help us:

- Keep the centre open and accessible to all
- Provide consistent support for families and community members
- Run regular groups, activities, and support sessions
- Maintain a safe, welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors

## How you can Help

Every contribution, big or small, helps sustain the work we do:

- Make a donation
- Take part in our fundraising events
- Spread the word and support us in your community

### Website

<https://www.howgill-centre.co.uk/ways-you-can-help/fundraising>

# GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING

## What We Offer Our Volunteers

- A welcoming and supportive team
- Training and ongoing guidance
- Flexible roles to fit around your availability
- Opportunities to gain skills, experience, and confidence
- The chance to make a real difference in your local community

## Interested in Volunteering?

We'd love to hear from you. No experience is needed, just a willingness to help and be part of the community.

### Get in touch:

**Phone** – 01946 817900

**Email** – [info@howgill-centre.co.uk](mailto:info@howgill-centre.co.uk)

**Website** - <https://www.howgill-centre.co.uk/ways-you-can-help/volunteer>

