

Volunteer role description
Roles may be flexible – please enquire

Role title	Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV)
Purpose of the role	<p>To help support the official emergency response (alongside the emergency services & other organisations) to hazards, emergencies and any other incidents that occur in your local area.</p> <p>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum (HIOW LRF) have created a unique opportunity for willing volunteers to donate some of their time to assist in the response and recovery stages of an emergency.</p> <p>This will be a very rewarding volunteer role, as it's the first time in Hampshire where community volunteers can be directly involved in the response to emergencies.</p>
What you will be doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This role will be very varied depending on the needs of the Parish and can range from activities like administrative support, making refreshments and transporting equipment, to clearing debris from flooding, helping set up rest centres and delivering information from emergency services to local residents. • You will always be working in a small team or in buddied-up pairs. • You will be working closely with your Parish Councils who will be your main point of contact. • You will be working alongside organisations from the Local Resilience Forum – e.g., Police, Fire and Rescue, Local Authorities, utility companies and other volunteers – and then channelled into the response and recovery to an emergency where you're most needed.
Skills, experience and qualities needed	<p>For this role we're really looking for someone who is over 18 and who has a good dose of common sense.</p> <p>We're looking for people who are genuinely enthusiastic to get stuck in and help others in times of crisis and who can follow instructions properly to ensure the safety of themselves and others.</p> <p>Volunteers would benefit from being able to work well with others, as there will be very little solitary work.</p> <p>Having access to your own transportation would be useful so that you're able to get to training sessions and incidents when you are called to be deployed.</p>
When and where	<p>The frequency and location of your assistance will vary from event to event and will purely depend on what the emergency is and the needs of the various responding agencies and situation at the time.</p> <p>As we intend to have two small volunteer groups in Hamble and Hound, the groups will be deployed to incidents within their local areas, rather than having to travel large distances to reach the site of an emergency.</p> <p>Although it would be great for every volunteer to be able to commit to every incident, we realise that with other commitments, that is not realistic. Therefore, we understand that you won't be able to devote your time to every incident we contact you about but will hugely appreciate it when you</p>

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Support offered	<p>We will ensure that there is an induction session, for you to get a feel for if this is something you think you would enjoy. From there onwards, we will be providing all the training you'll need to effectively volunteer with us.</p> <p>We will provide you with any essential equipment needed for your deployment at the initial training sessions.</p> <p>There will be a volunteer coordinator on site at any incident you are deployed to and they will be there to coordinate what you and your volunteer peers will be doing and will be there as your primary point of contact for any queries, questions or concerns you may have throughout.</p> <p>So long as you read and sign our initial consent forms and policy agreeing to follow the instructions of the volunteer coordinator on site and do follow their direction when on site, you will be covered by the Council's Liability Insurance.</p>
What you could get out of it	<p>You'll have free training that can provide you with new knowledge around emergencies and hazards, as well as gain new skills that you may not have the opportunity to develop in your regular jobs or spare time.</p> <p>You'll get to meet new people with a common interest outside of your usual social groups.</p> <p>It gives you the opportunity to put skills you already have to good use and help people when they are most in need.</p> <p>You'll have the opportunity to get involved in a multitude of different activities - ranging from indoor admin work to physical outdoor work too.</p> <p>As they always say, volunteering is a very rewarding experience and this opportunity would be no different. Consider it a chance to put your daily good deed into motion and a chance to do something that can improve your mental health and well-being while helping others in your community.</p>
Other relevant information	Your data will be securely shared with the relevant Parish Council admin staff to process your application and organise your volunteering.
What to do if you're interested	<p>Follow the instructions on the website page.</p> <p>Once recruitment has been closed, we will contact you in due course to let you know about your introductory sessions.</p>