



## **Be part of the next 80 years of volunteering with Citizens Advice across Oxfordshire**

Citizens Advice across Oxfordshire wants people to be part of the next 80 years of its history by volunteering with them.

The Citizens Advice service started almost 80 years ago on the eve of the Second World War and is supported by 22,000 volunteers across England and Wales

As part of Volunteers' Week, which runs from 1 June to 7 June, the four local Citizens Advice services in Oxfordshire would like to thank our volunteers past and present for their huge contribution. We hope to encourage many new volunteers to join us so the charity is able to serve the public for the next 80 years.

The 670 volunteers supporting Citizens Advice in Oxfordshire contribute over 2650 hours each week and last year helped 20,000 people with 65,500 problems, such as debt, housing, benefit and employment issues.

Volunteers at Citizens Advice help us in roles such as giving our clients information and advice, raising funds, keeping the service running smoothly, and helping with the strategic direction of the organisation.

Lynne Searle, Advice Support Volunteer at Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire said:

"What a massive need there is for this charity, what incredible support the advisers give and how much the public appreciate the help"

Volunteers at Citizens Advice come from a range of backgrounds and ages to contribute their time and skills to help deliver this important service.

The benefits are many and our volunteers increase skills and confidence while meeting new people and making a positive difference to people's lives.

**Teresa Archer, Chief Officer at Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire said:**

“Our volunteers contribute their time and energy to make a huge difference to people’s lives and help keep our vital service running. If you’d like to help people in your community, and can spare a few hours a week, we’d love to hear from you.”

If you’re interested in finding out more about volunteering with Citizens Advice in Oxfordshire contact your local office. More information can be found on our website [www.caox.org.uk](http://www.caox.org.uk)

For more information about the types of roles we offer visit the [national Citizens Advice website](#).

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