

# Volunteering Newsletter - August

## BLACKPOOL TOWER CIRCUS



A lot of our volunteers donate some of their Lancashire Time Credits so we can support local charities and service users by offering them trips and days out. This month we sent 12 young carers to see the circus at Blackpool Tower. They were so excited about spending time with their friends and other fellow young carers. Its amazing to see the smiles on these faces considering the caring roles they do. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated.

## THANK YOU!

During August our volunteers have donated 344 hours supporting local services.

## CARERS SITTING IN SERVICE

We are currently supporting 21 Carers throughout Lancashire by having a volunteer spending time with the Cared for person, so the carer can get a valuable break for a couple of hours. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering for this services please feel free to pass on our details.

## CHAT LINE

We are currently working on a new training package and recruitment drive for our CHAT Line, which is aimed at supporting carers through conversation with volunteers. Over the next month we will be running this training with our current CHAT Line volunteers to give them even more support.

## CHAT LINE

If you're a CHAT line volunteer please don't forget to add the below phone number to your phone as 'CHAT LINE' so when you do receive a call you're prepared  
**0333 1039748**

## LOOKOUT

A lot of you will be using LookOut if you're doing any visits to peoples' homes, or in areas you feel you may need support. LookOut is an automated lone working alert system. If you feel this could be helpful, or you need some extra support in logging on or just using the system, then please let us know.

## RECRUITMENT

We currently need volunteers to support our CHAT Line, this can be done from your mobile or land line, it doesn't cost you anything and even if you just have one hour to give you could really support carers throughout the northwest. We also need volunteers in all areas for the Sitting-in Service, if you or someone you know has a couple of hours to spare a week then please let us know.

## WE LOVE A GOOD STORY

Please let us know if you have a good story around your volunteering role, were always keen to hear from you and it's a good opportunity to shout about the great work you're doing.

## LANCASHIRE TIME CREDITS

You should now be receiving Lancashire Time Credits, I hope you find them a useful way of getting some valuable time back. If you need any support in using them please get in touch with either myself or Katherine.

And don't forget that you can donate them to our Gifting Group which has been set up to support local Charities and service users.

If you would like to donate any of your unused Time Credits, please get in touch., even one Time Credit can make a difference to someone.

Please don't forget to use the new volunteering inbox for all your emails, this way both Ian & Katherine will see them.  
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