



Age UK North Craven marks Volunteers' Week 2023.

2023 marks the 39th year of Volunteers' Week (1-7 June), when **Age UK North Craven** will join thousands of charities and voluntary organisations recognising the contribution volunteers make across the UK. With this year's theme of 'Celebrate and Inspire' we hope to encourage people to be the change that we want to see and get involved in volunteering in whatever way works for them.

The contribution of volunteers is often unseen and unrecognised by many, visible only through the incredible impact of their volunteering, so taking the time during Volunteers' Week to celebrate their efforts and all they contribute to our local communities, the voluntary sector and society has never been more important.

This Volunteers' Week **Age UK North Craven** will be celebrating their **193** volunteers, by having a party later in the year, presenting certificates and a shop window display to say thank you.

Volunteer coordinator, Barbara Harrison said: "Volunteers' Week is a chance to celebrate and recognise the fantastic contribution our volunteers make. Thanks to them the local community has benefited from Lunch Club, Coffee and Chat, Bingo, Walking Rugby and Football, various trips on our minibuses and volunteers transporting to health-related appointments and two charity shops and ebay shop staffed."

For further information on volunteering with Age UK North Craven please contact Barbara Harrison, Volunteer Coordinator on 01729 823066 or bharrison@ageuknorthcraven.org

For further information about Age UK North Craven <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/northcraven/>

Volunteering Stats During 2020 (UK Civil Society Almanac 2022)

- 16.3m people volunteered through a group, club or organisation in 2020/21.
- Levels of formal volunteering fell significantly from 2019/20 to in 2020/21.
- More than a quarter of the population were regularly involved in informal volunteering and about half did so at least once in 2020/21.
- Most people have formally volunteered at some point in their lives, dipping in and out of involvement over time.
- People volunteer in different ways, reflecting their lifestyles, values and priorities. The way they get involved has changed during the pandemic

1. Volunteers' Week is an annual campaign, which takes place every year 1-7 June.
2. To find out more about volunteering in England, visit <https://volunteersweek.org/>
3. For the latest statistics in England see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/community-life-survey-202021-volunteering-and-charitable-giving> as well as <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/news-and-insights/news-index/uk-civil-society-almanac-2022/#/>

