

Call for volunteers as Mountbatten shops reopen

With many of Mountbatten's volunteers still unable to return to their charity shops, they're looking for people over 16-years-old to help fill the gap



As Mountbatten reopens its shops across the Isle of Wight, the charity is putting out a call for volunteers who have time to spare over the summer.

Government restrictions and advice due to the [Coronavirus pandemic](#) mean some of Mountbatten's regular volunteers have been unable to return to their roles, leaving some of the charity's shops without their usual support.

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Kath Bright, Retail Operations Manager for Mountbatten, said:

"Our volunteers are vital to the smooth running of our shops and we are really in need of some extra help over the coming months, particularly to operate the tills and welcome back our customers.

"Perhaps you've been furloughed and are looking for a worthwhile role before returning to work, or maybe you have finished your A-levels and have some spare time before going to university – whatever your situation, if you're over 16 and enjoy meeting people, we would love to hear from you!"



Mountbatten Volunteers with Sally List and Kate Regan

Four hours a week

Flexible shifts are available and there are no set hours for volunteering, although a minimum of one half-day (four hours) a week is preferred. There is also a wide choice of locations available, with a Mountbatten shop reopening throughout the next few weeks on nearly every Island high street.

There are a number of ways you can find out more information:

- Pop into your local Mountbatten shop and chat to the manager (visit [Mountbatten's Website](http://www.mountbatten.org.uk) to find out when your local shop is reopening) www.mountbatten.org.uk
- Complete a form on Mountbatten's website to [register your interest](#)
- Contact Sally List, Mountbatten Volunteering Lead, on (01983) 217368
- Find out more from our Mountbatten Newport shop manager Naomi [in this video](#)



Mountbatten Volunteer Aidan Burtwell

Taster sessions are also available for those who are interested in finding out more about what is involved in volunteering with Mountbatten.

New layouts and processes are in place in all of Mountbatten's shops to protect customers, staff and volunteers. This includes one-way systems to support social distancing, screens at till areas, hand sanitisation stations at entrances and limits on the number of people allowed into each shop.

All donations are also held in quarantine for 72 hours at Mountbatten's warehouse before they are distributed for sale to the charity's network of shops.



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