

Nene Valley Community Action

Press Release

“Volunteer Supporters needed”

BEFRIENDING SERVICE

Nene Valley Community Action is appealing for volunteers to help them with their “Befriending Service”.

NVCA are looking for people to visit elderly and frail adults in their own homes who may be isolated from the community.

Volunteers would need to have a sympathetic ear and a caring nature, be able to maintain client confidentiality and be reliable. The minimum commitment would be approximately 2 hours per week. NVCA would provide initial training for the volunteer, ongoing back up and travel expenses.

PURPLE PET POWER (supporting much loved pets in times of crisis)

Did you know that many elderly people live with a pet as their only companion? Evidence shows that some people will refuse to go into hospital if there is no-one to look after their pet. Hospital staff have reported that patients become stressed and agitated if their pet has been left alone making both recovery and the hospital stay longer.

Purple Pet Power will ensure that much loved pets are cared for by caring and checked volunteers if their lone parent is admitted to hospital in an emergency situation.

Nene Valley Community Action is urgently seeking volunteers who will ensure pets are nourished, exercised, played with and clean. Some volunteers may be needed to offer short term fostering. NVCA will provide back up support and travel expenses.

Anyone who is interested in supporting either of these much needed programmes should contact NVCA to arrange a one to one informal chat about the opportunity by telephoning 01933 396382/313526.

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