

The Shrublands Trust – Urgent need for Trustees and Volunteers

Attention all residents who care about the needy in our community in these troubled times! Increasing numbers of people struggle to pay their bills and even feed themselves and their families. The Shrublands Trust based in premises on Broom Road, Shrublands, has existed for nearly 25 years primarily to help such people in the Shirley (and wider) area. We currently have a busy Food Bank and a good group of volunteers who funnel food donations onto shelves and then out to clients who are referred to us.

But we have a problem. Within the next few months, the team of Trustees who make decisions on the running of the Trust are going to lose some key people, and we need to replace them urgently. This is also a good opportunity to re-examine what we do. Are we meeting the needs in the best way?

We would greatly appreciate your input at this time. Maybe you have some spare time you would like to offer to the charitable sector? Are you recently retired, with administrative/secretarial skills, for example? To enable any interested residents to hear more or explore how they could help, there will be a public meeting on 6th December, to be held in the Tamberlin room of St John's church, Shirley Church Road, at 7.30 pm. We look forward to meeting you there!

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Chair of The Shrublands Trust