



# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



## *CEO update*

Wow – where has the time gone? And I have realised that I neglected to send out a newsletter in term 1 – BIG apologies!

RISE has been very busy behind the scenes looking at income generation, developing services in particular our youth mentoring and liaising with business planning support.

Now Christmas is just around the corner we are looking at volunteer recruitment in January for both our Mentor Me service and our supported Contact Centre. I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all of you for continuing to support The RISE in your volunteer capacity.

May your Christmas be blessed with love, joy and peace, and I look forward to 2025 with new hope and determination to keep 'rising' and building our charity...

*Lynn Evans*

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*December 2024*

### **The RISE Mentor Me Service**

Many of you will know that Fay has been off work for most of this term with a long-term illness...

Thankfully she is now on the mend and taking things step by step on her road to recovery. I would like to thank Deb Stevens in the office for supporting Fay by keeping on top of emails and reports.

What a Team!

I hope you will join me in wishing Fay a full recovery and thank her for her commitment to getting back on top of things as quickly as she can...

We will be advertising for new volunteers for this service in the new year 😊



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## The 'seed' of an idea...



Back in the Spring I mentioned that we were thinking of developing the wasteland outside our Community Hub at The Oaks. The good news is that we have secured some funding from Morrison's and in February half term we will be getting the area cleared, tidied up and woodchip laid.

Once this is done, we want to have a band of people who would be interested in helping us develop the space into our 'Garden of Fascination' for the community, school, pre-school and youth use.

Please pass this on to friends or family... there is no need to be green-fingered as we will be learning along the way. We just need help, and we also plan to involve our young youth volunteers to bring ideas about what we need to put in the garden.

## RISE Youth Service

We are advertising for youth workers across the north of Wiltshire. For further information please go to our website and/ or Facebook page. If you wish to try volunteering first, please contact Danielle - [danielleb@therisetrust.org](mailto:danielleb@therisetrust.org)

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## CONTACT CENTRE UPDATE

Over the past year we have supported 15 families (19 children) and enabled 7 families to move on to organise their own independent contact arrangements. Families are very positive about our support which is often given during difficult times.

"I would 100% recommend."

"It is going well for my son. It makes me feel more comfortable knowing there's support. My son enjoys his sessions here."

Currently we are looking for volunteers to help with our Contact Centre that runs on the first and third Saturday of the month. Further details are available at:

[Vacancies - The Rise Trust - Chippenham and North Wiltshire](#)

## AUTUMN EVENTS

It has been a very busy time for RISE and we have been involved in many community events including:

- Calne Christmas Event
- RWB light switch on
- RISE pre-school Christmas Fayre
- Paediatric First Aid
- Calne Bike Festival
- Pewsham Scarecrow trail
- Cadenham Gardens Open day
- Castle Combe Car Boot
- Hill Rise safety roadshow
- Chippenham PRIDE
- Calne PRIDE
- FUEL holiday programme

Thank you to everyone who has helped this year!! 😊

*"Through unconditional love commitment and passion, we seek to enable all children, young people and adults to be the best that they can be"*



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