

Getting to know.... Christine

What made you want to volunteer at the café?

I'm a busy mum of three doing a part-time degree so as you can imagine I don't have a lot of time on my hands. I wanted to volunteer at the café because I love the concept of it being run by the community. If local people don't support things then they disappear!

I walked past the café one day and saw they were asking for volunteers so I went in and spoke to the staff. They suggested I come in for a trial. It was simple as that. They gave me some training on using the coffee machine. I don't drink coffee so that's been a tricky one! I've got the hang of it but I'm still not quite the barista! I help out on the till and serving customers.



I volunteer once a fortnight for three hours. It means I can still pick the kids up from school. I've lived in the area for years and by volunteering in the café I've met people that live near me that I'd never seen before!

When my children all finally start school I want to get back to work. I'm not sure what direction I want to go in but something I can fit around my family. Being in the café means I'm not losing touch with the work place.

What is your favourite thing about volunteering?

I love the social side to it, getting out of the house and not just being mum.

What is your favourite menu item?

Paula and Barbara make the best fresh homemade cakes. I couldn't say which my favourite! But I do like sharing food ideas and recipes. We talk a lot about food at Round About Café!



“Christine’s children have been in the café. They think its great seeing mum make their hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream! Thank you Christine.” – the Café