

Getting to know.... Jane

I started volunteering at the Round About Café in August 2015 – I'd been a customer for a long time but was keen to pass my food hygiene certificate before I started helping out.

In my spare time I enjoy sewing, history and travel – especially activities that connect all three!



What made you want to volunteer?

I'm relatively new to the area, only having moved here about 18 months ago. I came into the café one day and then gradually got involved in various activities happening here. Everyone was so jolly and it seemed to be a nice way to get to know other people. I was keen to get out and about and not feel isolated.

What is your favourite thing on the café menu?

Nigel introduced me to a brie and bacon sandwich with cranberry sauce – it's lovely!

Have you learnt anything new since you started?

Absolutely! I've learnt how to stay calm when it gets busy, and also try to imbue others with a sense of calm. I see myself as a quieter version of Jones in 'Dad's Army' – like a swan, gliding along serenely but with feet paddling frantically below the surface!

What is your favourite thing about volunteering?

The people I've met – both customers and volunteers. Everyone's so different. I also really enjoy working with Nigel. As he's been a volunteer himself, he understands what it's like for us.



The Cafe – Jane is a great help. She takes on all tasks with enthusiasm and has a wonderful attitude to learning new things.