



# Arun Volunteer Centre

## CASE STUDY 4

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### Tour Guide, Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre



I decided to volunteer following my retirement from work as my wife still works and I wanted to get out and about. Volunteering can help greatly in preventing loneliness and a sense of no purpose.

The Amberley museum is close to where I live so I decided to find out if they needed any more volunteers.

I am now a Tour Guide at the museum. The role of Tour Guide is very interesting and what I enjoy most about it is being able to meet and talk to a huge variety of people from a wide spectrum of society with very diverse backgrounds. Often I see coach parties of school children and elderly people

from local residential homes and of course the many families and individuals who visit the centre. I volunteer on Wednesdays but I also help out at some of the special weekend events that the museum regularly holds, ranging from heavy horse and woodland crafts, vintage car show, military vehicle show to the Harley Davidson day.

The museum offers many benefits and after a certain amount of volunteer hours you get free entrance to the museum for yourself and a guest.



The museum employs a lot of volunteers with various skills from driving to people skills and

admin to restaurant work.

I am glad I came here it gets me out and about and gives me a great deal of satisfaction knowing that I am making a positive contribution to the community.

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