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Our quality of life in Kent is greatly enhanced by the contribution of committed volunteers. Kent County Council acknowledges the enormous benefits which volunteering delivers and also the critical role of volunteer centres and charities. Through this charter, Kent County Council pledges to work with partners in all sectors to do the following:

- **Promote a range of volunteering opportunities** which enable everyone in Kent to make a contribution through volunteering
- **Strategically develop and support volunteering projects** that are managed where appropriate within the voluntary sector
- **Organise an Annual Volunteering Fair** to promote volunteering opportunities
- **Ensure training and development pathways** are available and communicated to volunteers
- **Encourage organisations deploying volunteers** to be accredited as Investing in Volunteers
- **Raise awareness, knowledge and adoption of the Kent Compact's Code of Practice on Volunteering** which establishes and promotes best practice
- **Encourage ongoing employee volunteering to businesses countywide**, as good practice in staff development and corporate social responsibility
- **Establish a mechanism to encourage philanthropic giving** into volunteering initiatives and projects
- **Recognise and acknowledge volunteers** for the important impact they have on the Kent community

Paul Carter, Leader of Kent County Council

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