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Kim and Kieran Bond

We Invented The Weekend

"I enjoyed talking to people, it was really easy work as the majority of people were having a great time, even in the rain. The best part was handing out stickers as everyone loves a sticker!"

I wanted to volunteer for WITW as something different to do. Normally I'd be involved by having a stall at an event like this but none of my team were available and volunteering for the actual event was actually easier than thinking about all the logistics that go with having our own stall and being in charge of a team. It was great to be part of it - and as always celebrate a part of Salford's history! Of course the weekend was invented in Salford - because the city and it's people are amazing!" Kim (Visit from the Stork)



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Pete Shepherd **Salford CVS**

Pete has been a valued part of our team for 10 years! He volunteers at our office helping with admin and supporting people to find volunteering opportunities. Pete brightens up our day every Thursday and we are very grateful for all his support.

Pete commented, "It keeps my mind active and it's nice to put something back into the community."

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Ruth and Alf Greenhalgh **Dancing With Dementia**

Alf is the resident compere at our events. Alf is always ready to perform songs and tell jokes to bring humour and happiness to our guests. He is a fine pianist too and hosts sing a longs for our guests creating such happy memories. Alf says he gets great pleasure from seeing people smiling and singing along, bringing people together in a happy place to enjoy each others company. Ruth is Alf's right hand assistant on the days he is performing setting up all the equipment and props as well as being the brunt of all of Alf 'Wife' jokes! Ruth also is a crafter and makes items and hosts sales tables to generate funds for Dancing with Dementia. Ruth says it is so good to see people enjoying the music, the singing and joining in the dancing. Meeting up with so many people and making new friends in a wonderful atmosphere is priceless.



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Judy Perkins

Dancing With Dementia

Judy is one of the hosts who serves food and drinks to the guests at the Social Afternoons at the Grand Palais. She chats to our guests and creates a welcoming atmosphere creating friendships that are so important to our guests who feel isolated or lonely

Judy says, "I love to help within the community. It is a great way to bring new friends together and it is such a wonderful thing to see the guests happy, smiling and singling along tot he songs. The whole event brightens up my day."



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John Hebb

Dancing With Dementia

John is the photographer and graphic designer who creates all our poster, tickets etc. He also is the editor of our website.

John has been on board with Dancing with Dementia from the beginning. He says he likes to track the development of Dancing with Dementia and document the growth and record the happy smiles of our guests at our events and outings.

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Marion Hutchinson

Dancing With Dementia

Marion is our lead volunteer in our Purple Angel project. Marion liaises with the residents and staff of care homes, sheltered accommodations and the charity Purple Angels to deliver MP3 players to the residents. Each person who requests an MP3 player has a choice of up to 15 records that rekindle memories and stimulates songs and conversations. The MP3 players are free of charge to people living with dementia.

Marion says, "I volunteer with DWD because I feel so at home with the family that is Dancing with Dementia. The pure joy at the events is almost tangible and It is my privilege to be part of this community."



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Ian Bradshaw

Dancing With Dementia

Ian is a Meeter and Greeter at Dancing with Dementia and acts as host at the Music and Dance with Dementia and at The Lunch Club at The Boundary Stone Ellenbrook. Ian creates a warm and inviting welcome to our guests. Ian loves line dancing and encourages guests to be part of the fun by showing some of the guests the steps to the simpler line dances so that they can join in. After losing his wife to dementia Ian finds that the volunteering roles add structure and meaning to his daily life. He can share the lived experience of caring for a loved one with dementia by showing empathy to our guests on their dementia journey.



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Mike Geoghegan

Dancing With Dementia

Mike is a Meeter and Greeter at the Dancing with Dementia events. Mike provides a warm welcome to our guests and offers assistance to those with mobility issues. He has a friendly chat with our guests as they arrive and assists guests to their tables and makes sure they are comfortable. Mike ensures that the guests are encouraged to sing and dance and have a wonderful uplifting experience. Mike also volunteers at Salford Royal and often gives a cheery hello to any of our guests who have hospital appointments.

Mike says, "I love volunteering and it gives me great pleasure to see the guests enjoying themselves."



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Ella Worthington, Rhianne Robinson, Will Entwistle and Izzie Walshaw **Dancing With Dementia**

"We are a group of friends from Fred Longworth High School in Tyldesley and St. Mary's High School in Astley hoping to raise much needed funds for Dancing with Dementia, which is a brilliant charity that is close to our hearts, and those of our families."

On 28th May, Will, Izzie, Charlie, Rhianne and Ella walked a marathon distance around the local area, from Astley towards Heaton Park and then to Tyldesley.



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Vera Oakes

Dancing With Dementia

Vera helps to set up our events dressing tables at themed events etc and helps with the raffle. She also has conversations with the guests as they arrive and helps to make them feel welcome.

Vera says, "I have know Lesley for over 45 years. It was Lesley who supported me when my Mum was diagnosed with dementia. When DWD started it was just natural to join in and volunteer. DWD has been a life-line to me. When I feel particularly low, outings with DWD organise give me a reason to get up in a morning, get out my best outfits and face the world with a smile."



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Mavis Tonge

Dancing With Dementia

Mavis helps to set up our events dressing tables at themed events etc. She sets up the raffle prizes and sell raffle tickets at the event and help to give out the prizes as they are won. She also has conversations with the guests as they arrive and helps to make them feel welcome.

Mavis says, "I volunteer with DWD as I like to be part of a caring charity. I feel blest to be able to help the guests find their smiles when they come to the events. I have made new friends too, which is sometimes difficult to do as you get older."



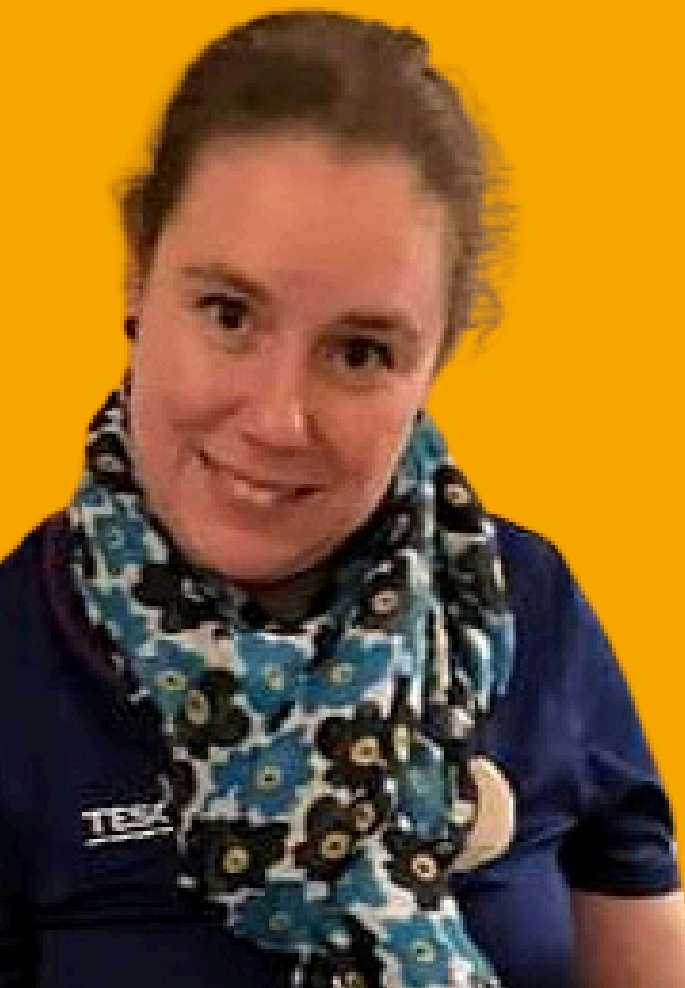
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Lucy Jorgensen

Dancing With Dementia

At the events Lucy helps serve food and drinks and interacts with the guests, chatting and encouraging them to sing along and dance. In her capacity as Community Champion at Tesco's Walkden, Lucy helps out by providing raffle prizes and donations.

Lucy comments, "Volunteering with Dancing with Dementia is amazing. Watching the impact this incredible charity makes on the service users and the families fills me with joy. Watching the smiles grow on their faces as they and their loved ones enjoy the event knowing they are totally respected and accepted as they are. I am proud to say that I feel part of the dancing with dementia family."



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Ursula Cross

Transport for Sick Children

Ursula has now been with us for 16 months but it seems much longer! She usually takes three families a week to vital medical appointments. She lives in Trafford and regularly helps families in Salford to get to medical appointments they wouldn't otherwise be able to get to. Ursula is reliable, kind and patient and a real asset to the charity.

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Jan Sykes **Volunteer Driver** **Together Trust**

Our Volunteer Drivers like J make such a difference to the people we support, helping autistic children and young people with disabilities access the wider community, developing their understanding of the world, and helping them live more independent lives

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Jayne McKay **Cadishead Grange** **Bowling Club**

Jayne has set up a youth crown green bowling team and persuaded all the local Irlam and Cadishead Greens to work together to offer fun introductory bowling sessions over the half term break. Her hard work and dedication trying to encourage children to put down their Playstations is paying dividends to local teams who are benefiting from new younger players whose parents are joining as well.



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Inara Dundure

Volunteer Little Hulton

Neighbourhood Watch Team

"I'm trying my best to help the community. I got together different partners and help from GMP and Salford City Council, so it is a bit easy to help people with different things. I also run neighbourhood watch meetings, coffee mornings, litter picks, Christmas presents and activities for elderly community events - such as get together events and looking out for elderly people in the community."

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Emily

**Volunteer Trainee Coach
MileShyClub Salford Quays**

"I love volunteering with MileShy as it gives me the opportunity to meet new people and be able to support them to enjoy and succeed in something I love and feel very passionate about. Running is life changing and helping others to also find that joy and confidence has been so rewarding and has also helped me to become a more confident person too!"

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Wendy

**Volunteer Trainee Coach
MileShyClub Worsley**

"Being a volunteer coach for MileShyClub is really rewarding - I love encouraging others to enjoy a more active lifestyle and helping them achieve goals they never thought possible."

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Jen **Volunteer,** **DOSportUK**

Jen is one of our most dedicated and reliable volunteers with DOSportUK. She is a regular volunteer at our weekly Salford Knights inclusive basketball sessions. Jen is enthusiastic, motivated, and make a massive difference to the people at the sessions. Jen builds up good relationships with both the members and the families and is a great addition to the DOSportUK team!

(Jen - middle of picture)

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Freya Donald

**Community Volunteer,
Europia**

Freya is an amazing volunteer who supports the community in Salford with various tasks, such as conducting interactive activities and workshops, meeting community members, taking photos, and much more. We are proud to have such a dedicated volunteer on our team.

"The impact I see on the community and the chance to contribute to positive change keep me motivated at Europia. Over time, my commitment has deepened as I've witnessed the tangible difference Europia makes in people's lives, further fueling my motivation to continue volunteering."

Freya Donald, Community Volunteer



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Bill Cooney Photographer, Salford CVS

Bill has been a fantastic volunteer, always ready to lend his talents in whatever way he can. He has supported at many events both in-house and in the community.

"It's good to get out and meet people, especially with volunteering and it also helps me to develop my skills in photography... When people want to use me for my skills, it builds my own confidence and makes me feel good."



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