

Volunteer Boat & Water Safety

VOLUNTEER ROLE

Why DWFRS needs this role?	We are blessed to have some amazing bodies of water in our service area, canals, rivers and beaches. All of these are very beautiful but they also bring with them their own dangers. Many of our residents also live on the water which in itself offers us an additional challenge. We complete Safe & Well checks on houseboats and ensure those who live on the water are also safe in their floating homes. The fact that their house boats aren't always in the same location makes offering them checks harder. There is also an issue with people enjoying disposable BBQ's on our beaches and not disposing of them correctly. The service is also starting to supplement the RNLI's education on water safety.
Potential time commitment:	Flexible – depending on location, time of year etc.
Location:	Throughout the service area
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To adhere to our RESPECT framework, Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion policies Visit areas of water including canals, beaches and lakes engaging with the public about being safe on and around the water Identify & report any potential water hazards. Follow the services Health & Safety policy
Measures of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in houseboat fires Reduction of fires in the open including in bins. Increased number of Safe & Well checks on house boats
Training & Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training to fulfil your role will be given DWFRS will provide opportunities for personal development within your role
What will the role give you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a motivated team Learn new skills Meet new people Improve self confidence Enhance your CV The opportunity to volunteer alongside an emergency service

Person Specification	Required	Desirable	Required	Desirable
Computer literacy		✓	Punctuality/Reliability	✓
Excellent Interpersonal Skills	✓		Wear Corporate Uniform	✓
Team Player	✓		Physically Fit	✓
Able to ride a bike		✓		

R esponsibility	making clear decisions, taking responsibility of your role & actions, being honest, assertive, doing your best and doing things in the right way
E quality	knowing about your community, knowing yourself, being fair and ethical, challenging unacceptable behaviour, championing diversity, respecting individual differences and doing what's morally right.
S upport	working effectively with others, supporting colleagues, being sensitive to others feelings and wellbeing, being aware of your own behaviour, managing your performance, understanding boundaries, giving and receiving feedback.
P rofessionalism	being credible, confident and having impact, understanding your context, recognising key groups and building relationships with them, assessing impact, co-operating, compromising and recognising when to lead and when to let others do so.
E xcellence	wanting to do a good job, being flexible and giving your best effort to all tasks, adapting to situations and overcoming barriers, inspiring others, involving people and sharing information openly
C ommunication	interacting effectively, having integrity and recognising different styles that suit others, simplifying information, being diplomatic and sensitive to the audience, making and keeping useful contacts, actively listening and committing to organisational decisions.
T ransformation	questioning existing practices, thinking of new ideas and being able to cope with ambiguity, creating solutions, adapting previous experience and finding 'quick wins', being empowered, empowering other and being open to change.
Health & Safety	To be responsible for your own health and safety and that of others with whom you volunteer, by reporting all potential and actual health and safety matters including accidents using the correct procedures.
Safeguarding	DWFRS is committed to safeguarding and expects all volunteers to share this commitment and comply with the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Safeguarding training will be given at Induction.