

## VOLUNTEERING UPDATE – January 2012

N.B. A date in brackets shows when this information was last up-dated.

**Dales Volunteers** tend to stay with the Authority for quite a long time, so despite having 200 people in our area teams, turnover is remarkably low. We open up to expressions of interest, to allow in a gentle trickle of 'new blood', occasionally.

**SORRY, BUT THERE ARE NO VACANCIES AT THE MOMENT**

A decision on when to re-open for new applications will be taken in 2012.

(9<sup>th</sup> January 2012)

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**Disability and Volunteering** – Most people expect that National Park Authority staff and volunteers are outdoors, on the hill, all day. Not so! They also expect that to become a Dales Volunteer, they would have to be fit and agile. Well, it's good if you are, but it's not essential. Although we are not open to applications to join Dales Volunteers, at the moment, when we do 're-open', we want to try to give people of different abilities equal opportunities. If you have a disability and would like to join the Dales Volunteers we have an abilities information sheet that may be of some help in answering some of your questions. Please contact the Volunteers Support Officer on [volunteers@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@yorkshiredales.org.uk) who will then send you a copy of the information.

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**Museum Volunteers** support the staff of the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. Expressions of interest and applications to join this part of the Dales Volunteers network are welcomed. Before sending in an application, please speak to either Debbie Allen, the Museum Officer or Fiona Rosher, the Museum Manager, on 01969 666210. It is an opportunity to talk through your interests and find out about the different aspects of the work of the Museum with which you might be able to help.

(1<sup>st</sup> July 2011)

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**Duke of Edinburgh's Award** – With the development of volunteering opportunities for young people, through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and with opportunities to gain a John Muir Award, there is now a separate page for D of E opportunities at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/DofE](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/DofE) including:

- 1. Gold Award – 2012 Residential Opportunity**, based in Ribblesdale, from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 including the 'Discovery' level of John Muir Award ([www.johnmuiraward.org/](http://www.johnmuiraward.org/)).
- 2. Gold Award – Volunteering**, for individual D of E candidates, from each October.  
*There are no opportunities currently available.*
- 3. Bronze and Silver Awards – Volunteering**, for groups  
*If you are interested in the 'conservation' volunteering section at this level we may be able to put you in touch with a local assessor who can give you more advice.*

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