

Spotlight on Volunteering

Carolyn Corr Dorset Scrapstore



Carolyn Corr, volunteer for Dorset Scrapstore posing with Fernando, the Bonkers in Boscombe trophy

In this issue we spoke with Dorset Scrapstore volunteer Carolyn Corr from Poole. She has been with them for two years and first found out about the opportunity after reading an article in the Advertiser. She went for a chat and loved the organisation so much she started immediately.

Dorset Scrapstore collects clean, unwanted materials donated by industry, commerce and individuals and makes them available to the community as a valuable, low cost resource. They are always happy to receive donations with wool, fabrics and shiny things at the top of their wish list.

Carolyn goes to the Scrapstore once a week to help people pick out their crafting materials, maintaining the stock levels and helping to sort donations. She also spends time at home volunteering by adding news, photos and events to Facebook as well as making displays for the warehouse and putting together crafting kits.

One of Carolyn's favourite things is helping out with the monthly creative workshops for children aged 3-12 years. Each workshop has a theme such as puppets or outer space and is an opportunity for children to make new friends

while taking part in an arts and craft project that they can take home. These are especially fun for Carolyn as she can bring along her 8 year old daughter to join in.



Carolyn would recommend volunteering as a way of bringing people together and sharing your skills and interests with the community.

"I feel like I'm making a difference.
We use events to increase
membership which enables
us to bring together people with
a passion for arts and crafts"

Dorset Scrapstore have two warehouses in Puddletown and Boscombe. For further information visit www.dorsetscrapstore.org.uk



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We have over **300** volunteer opportunities for people of all ages currently available with local voluntary organisations.

If you would like any further information, or if you need volunteers to help your organisation, please contact Amy Dowling, Volunteer Centre Broker on 01202 466130 (9.30am - 2pm) or send an email to: volunteeradmin@bournemouthcvs.org.uk