

## Further information

### *Volunteer activity*

#### **Teacher's assistant, Harington Scheme**

### *What I do*

Help the teacher in literacy and numeracy lessons, in classes ranging from 3 to 7 learners, who are usually in their late teens. They have varying skills, some unable to do simple addition or subtraction, some with poor reading. I also help at their spring and Christmas sales, attend their annual awards meeting, some training sessions

### *Time commitment*

One session once a week of one and a half hours. Training sessions usually one or two mornings a year. Sales, two hours each.

### *Why I do it*

I wanted to be useful in a subject where I thought I had some relevant experience (though not in teaching) at a thoroughly worthwhile local charity

### *Downsides*

Depressing when you hear of the funding problems, the red tape, and when learners' own problems seem not to improve

### *What to do next*

It's easy to find out more about the Scheme because it's just down the hill, off Cholmeley Park. Telephone: 020 8341 3657, email [info@harington.org.uk](mailto:info@harington.org.uk).