

Action *with* Communities in Rural Kent



Volunteers wanted!

Support our outreach work in Kent and Medway's villages and towns

Why do we need volunteers?

How we receive our television signal is changing. In most of Kent and Medway we receive our terrestrial television signals via one of 4 main transmitters at Dover, Tunbridge Wells, Bluebell Hill and Heathfield. The analogue signals from these transmitters will be switching over from the 1st of May 2012. Some communities in North Kent and Medway receive their signals via the London Crystal Palace transmitter. The analogue signals from this transmitter will be switching over to digital from the 4th of April 2012.

The BBC's "Switchover Help Scheme" has been well-publicised but there will still be many people who do not understand what Switchover is about and these are likely to be people who need help from their community.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent is supporting the local roll-out of the Switchover Help Scheme. We need to visit every parish and town in Kent and Medway to spread this message and ensure no-one gets missed.

We need local volunteers to help with our programme to ensure that no-one misses out on the help that's available to assist with making the necessary changes. If you choose to volunteer with us, you will use your local connections, knowledge and networks to speak to those people in a community who are likely to know those people who are most at risk of not switching.

As a volunteer you will:

- be given a number of parishes and towns to visit, depending on the time you can offer us
- identify and talk to key people in each community, who are likely to be in a position to recognise those in the community who will need support. These people will be asked to spread the message in turn and it's through these community connections and your support that we will identify those who may require additional help.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent will:

- provide you with the training and materials needed to carry out your role
- track progress and ask you to report on your activity on a regular basis
- provide opportunities for volunteers to come together and share experiences
- pay out of pocket expenses for attending training and conducting the outreach work. This includes travel by car, cycle or public transport.

If you would like to chat further about this opportunity, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Bugden on 01303 813790 or email kathy.bugden@ruralkent.org.uk by Monday 5th of December 2011.

