

**What is a CommunityCheck?**

The CommunityCheck Project trains volunteers to carry out FREE environmental and local checks of publicly accessible organisations. Currently we carry out CommunityChecks in Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland.



The CommunityCheck Project is one of 35 projects nationwide to be funded by DEFRA to promote sustainable consumption (and the only one in the East Midlands). This innovative and exciting project provides opportunities for both volunteers and organisations!

**The CommunityCheck Project for organisations**

We will visit your organisation at a time suitable for you to carry out a check (lasting approximately 2 hours) in which we run through a checklist looking at waste, water, energy, heating, purchasing, transport and management. From the checklist and these observations you will receive a comprehensive report that details recommendations which will save you money and reduce your environmental impact.

There is the opportunity to have a Champion (volunteer) who will work closely with you to implement the recommendations that we have made in the report. They will be able to develop an action plan, support and train staff and provide advice.

**Why should your organisation have a CommunityCheck?**

- It's **FREE**
- **Save money** by reducing costs and increasing resource efficiency
- Increases your **environmental awareness** and reduces **environmental impact**
- Gain **publicity**
- Boost the **employability** of people in your local area
- Enhance your local **community**

**Who can have a CommunityCheck?**

- Health and beauty places (e.g. hairdressers, chemists)
- Food and drink places (e.g. pubs, restaurants, cafes)
- Community Centres
- Religious places
- Schools and Colleges
- Vehicle maintenance repair places



## **The CommunityCheck Project for Volunteers**

The CommunityCheck Project provides a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers depending on what you are interested in and where you want to develop new skills. We offer two volunteer opportunities: Checkers and Champions.

### **Checkers:**



After receiving training you will be ready to carry out CommunityChecks in your area. You will then contribute to either writing up a report which provides practical recommendations and practical advice for the organisation to follow, or marketing, which includes writing press releases, articles for the newsletter and recruiting for the CommunityCheck Project. No experience is necessary – just an interest in your local community and the environment.

### **Champions:**

Once trained you will be linked with a local organisation that has been checked. You will work closely with them to help implement recommendations that we provided in the report by developing action plans, providing support and training staff. For this role we ask that people do have some environmental experience.

### **Why volunteer?**

- Increase your environmental knowledge
- Learn new skills
- Receive comprehensive training and support
- Meet new people
- Improve your career prospects
- Enhance your community



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