



Caritas Parish Representatives

Caritas Parish Representatives are volunteers who want to support their parish respond to the cry of the earth and cry of the poor. This role is to build the link between your parish and Caritas to support the formation of thriving missionary communities, reaching out to those on the margins to share the love and mercy of God in practical ways, in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

The role involves

- Keeping your parish community informed of the latest news and updates from Caritas
- Arranging for Caritas staff or volunteers to visit your parish to talk about our work
- Liaising with Caritas so we aware of any specific needs in the community or outreach work in your parish
- Helping to raise awareness of any Caritas events, campaigns and appeals within your parish
- Helping to organize or support fundraising activities
- Praying for the people in need

We will make sure you have all the resources you need for your role, receive the Caritas volunteer's newsletter and we will host Caritas volunteer events so you can meet volunteers in other parishes to share knowledge, experience and ideas.

Frequently asked questions

What is the time commitment for this role?

This role is as big or small as you can manage. The key part of the role is being that link so the parishes know about the work Caritas is doing along with events, appeals and campaigns and we know about activity in your parish. We will sometimes send out opportunities to engage in other activities but there is no obligation to attend/support any or all of these.

I don't really want to do fundraising, do I have to?

Caritas needs funds to help support the early development of projects, so it is a necessary part of our activity but we know it isn't everyone's favourite! Fundraising can be done in a number of ways, you can find a fundraising guide on our website (www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk) and we're happy to talk through any activities you might be thinking about.

How will I hear from you?

Most of our communication will be by email as this keeps our costs down. We will also send out resources this way too. If you have limited access or use of email or printer, please let us know and we will arrange with you whether we send via the parish or pop something in the post.

For more information or to apply please email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk