

Diane Cole

Diane found out about The Befriending Scheme through friends, 13 years ago and started attending the scheme as member. But for the past 10 years Diane has progressed from being a supported volunteer, to a valued and much needed regular volunteer. Diane says that the scheme has helped her gain courage “I was very shy in the beginning, but I soon got involved with helping others with activities and dealing with the daily register. Now I help plan activities, help with the garden project and help plan ideas with others at the volunteers meeting. We all get on together like one big happy family”.

Diane also represents the scheme on The Befriending Scheme Forum, which helps members and volunteers have their say as to what activities and changes they would like.

Ruth Barton, Volunteer Co-ordinator at the Haverhill Scheme is delighted to have Diane as a volunteer. “Diane is a smashing volunteer who brings a huge amount to the group. She’s a real asset, and it’s great to see someone progress, gain confidence and make others happy. We need more volunteers like Diane to support us with our Tuesday evening group, and with One to One Befriending”.

Volunteer Diane Cole





Dawn Kellaway

Dawn Kellaway is a member who has been attending the Haverhill Hub for about 8 years. Dawn says “I really enjoy doing crafts, bingo, and swimming, and I like going to see my friends and going to the shops.”



Dawn pictured with her entry for the Mencap Christmas Card Competition