

A year in the life

of the Surrey Care Trust

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The main picture is the winning image of Lorraine at work. She is also in the picture above, third from left, with fellow Swingbridge volunteers. Pictured below is the award-winning photographer!



Call me David Bailey!

Margaret Reeder, who manages the Surrey Care Trust's Swingbridge boats and the associated training programmes, has gained many skills, from fundraising to removing riverweed from boat engines, during the 20 years she has worked for us.

She has also taken hundreds of photographs of Swingbridge in all weathers to help illustrate our work.

Now her talents as a photographer have been officially recognised! Her picture of Swingbridge volunteer Lorraine Bryant was awarded first prize in a volunteering photography competition organised by Woking Association of Voluntary Service (WAVS).

The winning picture shows Lorraine painting a bollard along the St John's flight of locks during 2009, as part of the busy Swingbridge programme of conservation work along the Basingstoke Canal,

the River Wey and River Thames.

People who carry out this work gain new skills, as well as making a valuable contribution to Surrey's environment.

WAVS director Sylvie Marshall, who was one of the competition judges, said she loved the naturalness of the image of Lorraine hard at work: "For me it was the simplicity of it. It didn't look staged, it was just somebody getting on with something."

Lorraine, who lives in Woking, has been volunteering with Swingbridge for two years. It was from WAVS that she originally learnt about the Surrey Care Trust and Swingbridge.

Volunteers are vital for the running of Swingbridge and supporting the two part-time staff members.

Call Margaret on 01252 622229 to find out more about volunteering with Swingbridge.

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10 ways to make a difference by supporting the Surrey Care Trust

- 1** Let us organise an event, large or small, in your house or in your garden,. We recently held an extremely successful cookery demonstration and lunch in a supporter's kitchen.
- 2** Organise your own fundraising event such as a lunch for friends or a coffee morning on our behalf.
- 3** Place an order for Phoenix Cards or sell them to friends to help us raise funds.



- 4** Recommend the Surrey Care Trust as a speaker at groups such as WI, Rotary, Round Table, Soroptomists and Probus.
- 5** Suggest the Surrey Care Trust as a charity of the year at clubs where you are a member or the schools your children attend. We can visit to explain what we do.
- 6** Collect old stamps or mobile phones for recycling.
- 7** Donate unwanted auction items for us to sell on www.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk.
- 8** Become a Friend of the Surrey Care Trust by making a regular monthly or annual donation of any amount.
- 9** Call our events and fundraising team **TODAY** on 01483 412751 or 412762 if you can help with any of the above or if you want to suggest idea number **10**.

"I will make a difference..."

Remembering the Surrey Care Trust in your will ensures that your generosity lives on for future generations