

The 'Beacon' Cafe Session Lead

Purpose of the team	The Beacon Cafe provides wellbeing support and a place to connect to the military community and emergency services personnel, both currently serving and veterans.
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Reporting to	The Beacon Cafe Team Leader, Waddington Wellbeing Hub Lead
What you will be doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the space is set up and activities / snacks are available before opening time • Liaising with the team leader to ensure there are enough volunteers for the session • Brief the team at the beginning of the night • Check for referrals and ensure administration for session is completed • Oversight of session activities • Serving drinks and refreshments • Talking to guests and interacting with them through games, conversation and activities • Providing a listening ear • Completing the Debrief form at the end of the session • Sign post people to additional support where appropriate • Checking in on volunteers wellbeing • Attend bi-monthly volunteer meetings • Reporting any safeguarding concerns / incidents.
Skills, experience and qualities needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A love for people • A willingness to serve • To be caring, non-judgemental and able to accept people as they are • Organised and have capability to manage a session • Knowledge or experience of working within the military or emergency services is desired (but not essential). • Understanding of mental health problems (but not essential).
When and where	Tuesday nights, 6pm-10pm at St Michael's Church Waddington

<p>Support offered</p>	<p>Personal expenses incurred which have been verbally authorised by the team leader prior to purchase will be reimbursed. A reclaim form will need to be completed and signed by two authorised signatories within a month of the expenses being incurred.</p> <p>Appropriate policies and equipment provided. Support from team leader. Contact information for suitable signposting.</p> <p>Training including induction, safeguarding training and mental health awareness training. In addition training about working with military, suicide prevention and mental health first aid is also available.</p> <p>Session leaders will receive further training on managing crisis situations.</p> <p>Access to reflective practice sessions facilitated by a trained professional will take place bi-monthly as well as regular team meetings and training sessions.</p> <p>Access to helplines on the nights sessions run.</p>
<p>What you could get out of it</p>	<p>We are a welcoming and supportive team who will work with you to develop and enhance your skills and experience.</p> <p>You will be part of something very worthwhile and making a difference to the lives of local people.</p>
<p>Other relevant information</p>	<p>If you would like to apply for this role, a short application form will need to be completed and two references given.</p> <p>You are required to attend the required role induction and training.</p> <p>A DBS will need to be completed by Acts Trust</p>
<p>What to do if you're interested</p>	<p>If you are interested in the role, please follow the link below.</p> <p>Please complete this form to sign up: https://forms.gle/nxCwDcncr44LUE3xq8</p> <p>If you would like a chat either on the phone or face-to-face before applying, please contact Cat Hall by email at cat@waddington.church or by phoning 07365 527663 or Simon Dean by email at simon@waddington.church or by phoning 07443 653510.</p>

