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■ The Norwich BID City Hosts scheme has helped more than 50,000 visitors to the city.

Picture: SIMON FINLAY

**How to get involved**

There are currently more than 40 volunteers in the City Hosts team, and they are easily spotted around the city in their Norwich BID branded "Here to Help" tabards

The City Hosts are always looking for new volunteers to join the team, and the role is ideal for people who are passionate about Norwich's rich history and culture, and who enjoy meeting new people.

The City Hosts volunteer scheme also operates on a flexible basis to fit around people's home and work commitments.

→ For more information about the scheme and how to become a Norwich City Host call 01603 757931.

→ You can also email [hosts@norwichbid.co.uk](mailto:hosts@norwichbid.co.uk) or visit [www.norwichbid.co.uk](http://www.norwichbid.co.uk)

# Volunteer hosts help more than 50,000 visitors to Norwich

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Norwich's friendly team of City Hosts has helped more than 50,000 visitors in our fine city and the scheme has inspired similar projects in other areas.

The City Hosts scheme, which is run by Norwich Business Improvement District (BID), first started in July 2013 and the cheerful volunteers help with everything from directions to restaurant recommendations to information about city landmarks.

With the GoGoDragons! currently causing quite a stir around Norwich, the City Hosts have also been helping to direct dragon hunters to the locations of the colourful sculptures on the trail organised by children's charity Break and Wild in Art.

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**Stefan Gurney**

Stefan Gurney, Norwich BID's executive director, said: "I am very proud of our City Host scheme and I give enormous thanks to all the volunteers who are so passionate about Norwich and who dedicate their time to assisting so many people in the city centre.

"The scheme is proving popular, with Lincoln and Lowestoft now adopting volunteer ambassador projects. We look forward to assisting even more visitors in our great city."

The scheme is now being used as an example to other BIDs in the UK including Lincoln BIG and Lowestoft Vision.

Maureen Keddy, from Lincoln BIG, said: "We were invited to visit Norwich to learn more about the Host scheme and how this might benefit the development of the Lincoln Ambassador scheme.

"It's very evident that Norwich City Hosts are having a really positive impact on people's experience of the city, they are helping people find interesting and different places to visit, and promoting the city as a friendly, lively and interesting place to be."

→ For more information more about City Hosts visit [www.norwichbid.co.uk](http://www.norwichbid.co.uk) or follow @NorwichCityHost on Twitter



## Invitation

### WANTED!

Your company! Your ideas! Your help, too!  
We need you to help determine the future of this community resource!

#### SPECIAL OPEN DAY:

Monday 20th July 2015 3-7 pm.

Jubilee Hall, 61 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2HF

Refreshments provided

This event is open to all - and especially to those who live locally.

Come and have a good look around...  
Tell us what the local community needs...  
Share your thoughts and views...  
Get involved...

Help maximise the opportunity.

The Trustees plan of action is to create a shared vision, work up plans, agree a program, secure community buy-in, establish project leadership, remodel and refurbish the property, fit it out, open it up with a party, maximise its long term availability!

Lord Richard Dannatt  
Group Captain Stewart Blackburn, MBE  
Graham M Dacre, CBE  
Trustees of the Lind Trust

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### Assistance needed with Heritage Open Days

Volunteers are needed to help with the running of Heritage Open Days events in Norwich and Norfolk. The annual free event, which sees an array of buildings throw open their doors to the public, will this year take place from September

10-13. Norwich's Heritage Economic and Regeneration Trust (HEART) - which organises the four-day festival - is now seeking volunteers for roles such as office assistants, event stewards, photographers, social media assistants,

and festival ambassadors.

→ For more about volunteering, email [info@heritagecity.org](mailto:info@heritagecity.org)

→ For more information about previous Heritage Open Days, visit [www.heritagecity.org/hods](http://www.heritagecity.org/hods)