



# SUNBURY Ferry Ltd.

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~ Run by the community for the community ~

## Information for prospective volunteers

**T**hank you for registering your interest in becoming a volunteer for this exciting new initiative being established by the local community in Sunbury. If you know the area, you will be aware that the River Thames, as well as being a fantastic local resource, can also be a barrier for those wanting to access the local Elmbridge side and are faced with a long road journey to cross the river at either Walton or Kingston bridges.

Many years ago, the river was the main highway through Sunbury with the narrow streets in the village leading to wharfs and ferry services as far back as 1604. Sadly, on the Sunbury to Shepperton stretch of

the river, only the Shepperton Ferry survives to this day, with no regular Sunbury ferry service since the 1950s.

Our new Sunbury Ferry, generously supported by Spelthorne Borough Council is planning to operate on summer weekends from this July. However, the project can only be financially sustainable if it is organised and run by a team of volunteers.

**Sunbury Ferry Ltd**, a not-for-profit company, has been registered by two local residents, Neil Huntingford and Simon Harris, to organise and run the service with the volunteers.

## *Who are we looking for?*

*We have a range of roles to suit boaters and non-boaters.*

Volunteers should preferably be 18 or older. Boat Crew will need to be reasonably fit as the role will include stepping on and off the ferry.

### Boat Crew

The ferry will need a number of Skippers and Crew members on a rota to operate the ferry on summer weekends and Bank Holidays, starting this July through to September.

Skippers will preferably be existing boaters, with or without an RYA Level 2 certificate. Free two-day training will be offered to those who currently do not hold a certificate.

Crew members can be anyone who would like to support Captains operating the service - you will be greeting and helping passengers on and off, and taking card payments.

It is anticipated that Skippers and Crew will need to commit to helping on the ferry service for half-a-day about every three weeks.

### Administrative Roles

For this initiative to succeed, we will also need volunteers 'behind the scenes'.

#### Social Media:

If you are used to using platforms such as FaceBook and/or Twitter, we need volunteers who can promote the service to the local community as well as visitors and tourists. We will also have a hosted website that will need updating periodically.

#### Boat Crew Rota:

We will need a volunteer to manage a simple rota, preferably on-line, that will make sure the ferry is fully crewed throughout the season.

*We are still finalising some of the details, but so far we have:*

- Secured funding through the generous support of Spelthorne Borough Council -
- Secured partnership support from Lower Sunbury Residents Assoc. (LoSRA) and Middle Thames Yacht Club (MTYC) -
- Placed an order for a 6M pontoon style ferry -
- Placed an order for an eco-friendly electric engine -
- Placed orders for bank works on both sides of the river -



## *Now we just need you!*

**Please send us an email with your telephone number and the role you're interested in:**

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