

Catherine celebrates volunteering in 2011!



2011 is the European Year of Volunteering!

Lib Dem MEP Catherine Bearder has visited many organisations right across the South East region to see first-hand the great work done by volunteers and to encourage more people to get involved in their local community.

“So many brilliant charities and groups rely on volunteers to help make life better for people”, said **Catherine Bearder**. “I want to help similar organisations across the EU share best practice and celebrate their important successes.”

Catherine joined blind cyclists at a bike ride when she met a voluntary group associated to Seeability in Leatherhead, and has also visited an Oxford charity that trains teachers to help children struggling to read and write.

“It’s clear that volunteering makes a real difference within our society - and it’s fun too!”, said Catherine. “Please let me know of any organisations big or small that are a great example of the amazing work done by volunteers.”

