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Thank you for showing an interest in volunteering with our project.

About the Project

This project is part of a national scheme first developed in the county of Cornwall. To date several other counties have joined the project and are based mainly in the South of England although several new projects are in the pipeline for development including Yorkshire and a miscellaneous site for parishes whose counties have not yet subscribed. Many counties are looking into the setting up of their own projects.

The aim of the project is to provide information about a parish (mainly historical) free of charge as an online resource.

The project works on the basis that each county builds and maintains its own web site, the Wiltshire Project can be viewed at www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk/genealogy

Each county is divided into parishes which it is hoped that individuals will adopt and develop providing information such as baptism, marriage and burial records. The census information from 1841 to 1911 should also be included. Other items can be added if the OPC feels that they are of historical value. However we have a motto *"What may or may not interest you will inevitably interest someone else."*

Those parishes that do not have a volunteer in place to nurture it is added to by anyone willing to provide documents - this is where our transcribing volunteers come in to their own transcribing items that they come across themselves or from items the project has access to.

At present the project has about 60 volunteer OPCs based around the world covering a fraction of the parishes in the county. We also have a team of about 12 transcribers all working in their own time and at their own pace.

No one is paid for providing this information and it is for the individual OPC to decide if they wish to purchase resources to transcribe. This is not a requirement to become an OPC.

The website also contains galleries which contain images from in and around the parish they relate to. These vary from images of people to buildings and postcards.

It is hoped in future that all counties will develop a similar project to that of those already set up.

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Volunteer Opportunities for the Wilshire Project.

Although the project is an online based project, as coordinator I am currently looking for someone near my town of residence to come along on a volunteer basis for whatever time they are willing to donate. The days available would only be a Monday and a Friday morning, perhaps once the volunteer feels confident they could volunteer from home.

The role at present would be to assist me in several areas, such as research, transcribing, website updates, Facebook page maintenance, stats for the site etc.

No experience is necessary but a knowledge of computers and Microsoft Programmes would be an advantage although this can be picked up as you go along.

In return for your volunteering time. I would be willing to assist you set up your own family history research and you will be welcome to use whatever resources that we have to assist you.

If you feel this is something you would be interested in then - please e-mail me at the address above, or give me shout on Facebook.

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