



# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022

## WELCOME TO THE HILL HOUSE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER!

August has seen some very sunny volunteer Mondays! Work is going well in the Garden, Jean, Andy, Cathy, Ann and Sarah have done wonders on the veg beds, tidying up, digging out beans and netting the Kale and Broccoli. Clare is continuing to beautify the flower beds. Mike has done a superb job with the back door, which is now finished and looking very smart. The orchard is providing us with a beautiful crop of apples, figs and raspberries (which the squirrels are enjoying a little bit too much as well!) Thank you to everyone who has given their time this month.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

The next volunteer Mondays are:  
5th and 19th September

The next GARAS walk is on September 6th - Please contact Caroline if you would like to be involved.

## HILL HOUSE NEWS

### Artists retreat

On the first weekend of the month the house was host to an artists retreat. This sketch of in the hammock under the magnolia from one of the artists sums up the Hill House feeling perfectly.



### Happy Baby Volunteers

Roula and Ali from Happy Baby had a much needed break at the house. Happy Baby is a brilliant user-led London based mother and baby group who aim to provide a strong supportive network for new and expectant mothers seeking asylum in the UK.

### Days out from GARAS

We have had another two successful days with friends from GARAS. On August 2nd four people came, and joined Bud and Martin for a (slightly wet) picnic and walk around the local area. Kahlid (one of our guests) commented on how wonderful it was to walk around the villages..

On August 19th we welcomed two guests, who enjoyed a relaxed day at Hill House playing croquet, sharing lunch in the garden and helping with the gardening or relaxing in the hammock. Thank you to those who have helped to welcome our guests and ensure these visits have got off to a great start. It has been a brilliant opportunity to start working with people seeking sanctuary in the Gloucester area. We will keep you all posted on how this might continue over the autumn and winter. Watch this space!



### Aid Box Community weekend

On the weekend of the 19th-21st a group from Aid Box Community in Bristol came to enjoy a break at Hill House. They made clay figures with Bridget, which she has kindly offered to fire for them, and took part in a well being session with Anita. A good, relaxing time was had by all.

### Borderlands staff away day

On August 25th, staff from Borderlands came for a team building and strategy away day. They had a productive and enjoyable time, played Kubbe on the lawn in the afternoon and said thank you in about ten different languages! Borderlands is a Bristol based Refugee charity whose aim is to help refugees, asylum seekers and those with insecure immigration find belonging and community in the UK..

