



## VOLUNTEERS NEWSLETTER No 2

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### INTRODUCTION

This is our second newsletter to enable us to keep all our volunteers informed about Sanctuary news. As we have said each group of volunteers is a very important link within the work of the Sanctuary and we could not manage without you all.

### VOLUNTEER NEWS

You have done an amazing job in both representing us so admirably, and also raising so much money over the summer months. We really do not know where we would be without your continued support. The beginning of this newsletter must therefore be used to say THANK YOU to you all.

We know what hard work it is at the home events with the preparation and packing away, we understand how time consuming it is when you are out at events. We recognise the stamina needed to clean and sweep the yards! We sincerely thank you all for all you are doing to help us to support the donkeys.

Once again, we are asking those of you on email to let Catherine and Wendy have your email addresses as we are setting up a group email so that we can keep everyone in touch electronically where possible. For special and other events Wendy will continue to ring as usual. .

**Congratulations** to **AMBER** Amber is a Yard Volunteer and has won a Volunteers' Award made by Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action [OCVA] - having been nominated by the Sanctuary. 140 nominations were sent in and 60 volunteers were given the award.

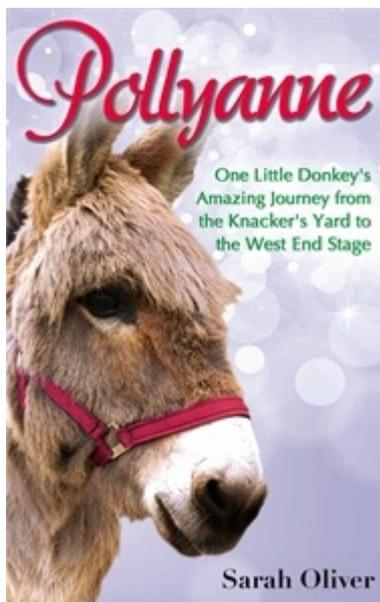
This is the first time the Sanctuary has entered a volunteer for this award and we are very proud to have been given the award. We also hope to nominate the Sanctuary for an award next year as well as another volunteer.

The award ceremony will take place at the Sanctuary in November - the date is still to be arranged and we hope that as many volunteers and staff will be there for the award ceremony - something we are so pleased to celebrate and support Amber and her achievement.

### HEALTH and SAFETY NEWS

Signing in is part of the Health and Safety requirements because John McLaren, our Sanctuary Manager, must know, in the event of a fire, who is working on the site. Please make sure you sign in and out when working at the Sanctuary.

Another reminder for all volunteers is to call into their local Doctor's surgery and have a tetanus check. Usually most of us are covered but if you have not had a Tetanus injection then you need to talk to your GP. This is precautionary advice.



### EXCITING NEWS

*This is cover of the book by Sarah Oliver, who spent some time at the Sanctuary.*

*It is the story of Island Farm and how we became a Donkey Sanctuary. It follows John's life story the rescue of Pollyanne and how she responded to the love and care given to her by the staff and volunteers. The publishers are arranging the publicity - so watch this space!*

**Books will be on sale at the Sanctuary from 8th November at £6.99**

### MILEAGE PAYABLE

The Visitor Centre brought in a lot of revenue over the holidays and we are happy to offset petrol costs against the profit to enable people to staff it regularly on our behalf.

If you have worked in the VC and would like to claim your petrol costs there is a form available in the office and we will pay 20p per mile. We know that some people might disagree and we are so grateful to those of you who continue to come to the Sanctuary at your own expense. However we are aware that petrol costs can make volunteering difficult and so we make this offer to those who travel more than once each week and at our request.

### RECYCLING

We are now signed up to recycle old inkjet cartridges, laser & toner cartridges & mobile phones with a company called Recycle4Charity and there are envelopes to collect from the office for people to send off themselves or a box that they can deposit cartridges etc. in the office reception - we get money credited to our account every time we send them cartridges.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are selling Christmas cards, £2 a pack or 3 packs for £5 Just call in at the office where the cards are now on sale. Don't forget to take cards with you if you are going out on an event.

### NEW BOOKS

We have 2 new exciting children's book to add to our shop stock, 'Donkey's Busy Day' by Natalie Russell and 'Coconut Comes To School' by Berlie Doherty - £2.50 each.

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