

Rushmoor's volunteers were in the spotlight on

Friday 11 February at a special civic reception.



Organised by Rushmoor Borough Council and Rushmoor Voluntary Services, the event recognises the many people who give up their spare time to help others and work on community projects or as part of voluntary organisations in Rushmoor.

Around 100 volunteers came along to the evening representing a number of local voluntary organisations including the Citizens' Advice Bureau, The Aldershot

Military Museum, Cove Brook Greenway Group, Help for Heroes and many more.

Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive at Rushmoor Borough Council said: "The event is a wonderful opportunity for us to officially recognise the many people who give up their time to help others and make a difference in their community. They deserve our thanks for all their dedication and hard work."

The evening featured music from Bob's Bells a local team of hand bell ringers who performed six songs including 'My Grandfather's Clock' and Elgar's 'Pomp and Circumstance'. The Westy Community Choir also entertained the audience with performances of 'Hey We to the Other World' and 'I Can't Help Falling in Love With You'.

There was also a presentation by Richard Cooper, Director of The Source Young People's Charity in Aldershot and speeches by Greg Alexander, Chief Executive of Rushmoor Voluntary Services, Andrew Lloyd and the Mayor of Rushmoor, Councillor Brian Parker.

Greg Alexander from Rushmoor Voluntary Services said: "We owe a great deal to Rushmoor's volunteers and we hope that the event went some way towards recognising the outstanding contribution they make."

Greg added: "Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and give something back to the community. We have many opportunities for volunteers available locally, ranging from conservation, activities with children or supporting older people."

There are many volunteering opportunities in Rushmoor and Rushmoor Voluntary Services can support anyone interested in volunteering or any organisation looking for volunteers. For further information about volunteering in Rushmoor, visit www.rushmoor.go.uk or www.rvs.org.uk.