

Voluntea party ends week celebrating the work of volunteers

Frome celebrated National Volunteer Week with a series of workshops intended to support the work volunteers do.

Pupils at Selwood Academy joined in with a litter pick collecting six bags of rubbish, using equipment lent to them by Frome Town Council.

Volunteers undertook social media, first aid and basic IT training and organisations learnt more about completing DBS checks, safeguarding and recruiting volunteers.

The week came to a close on Saturday with a recruitment event for volunteers and with Voluntea in the park on Sunday.

The Silk Mill played host to a number of organisations including The Men's Shed, Open Storytellers, Mendip Community Credit Union, Fair Frome, Frome Memorial

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Theatre, Frome Community Education, Share and Incredible Edible, all of whom are looking for new volunteers to come forward and support the work that they are doing in a range of roles.

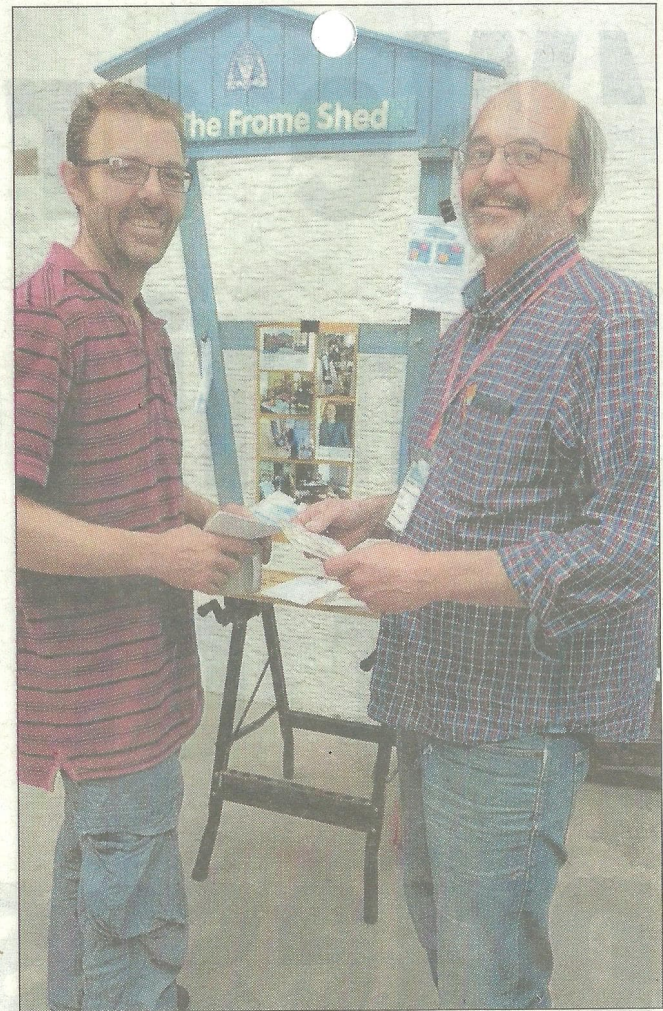
Kate Hellard, community projects officer for Frome Town Council, said: "We are delighted at the positive response we have had this week to Volunteers Week and the tea was a great success, we are currently looking at how the event could become an annual celebration and a small gesture of thanks to the many volun-

teers who give their time to support local projects.

"We would like to thank Frome Town Youth Band, South West Marquees and James Morrison Catering for making the day such a special occasion for Frome's Volunteers and of course our thanks go to the many volunteers who make Frome such a special place to live."

The town council is keen to hear from community groups who are not on its mailing list and are also calling for photographs of the events to be added to an album on Facebook.

For enquiries contact admin @frometowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01373 465757.



Martin Castle, left, and Patrick Abrahams from the Frome Shed



Lucia Chadwick, left, and Marilyn Burrows from Somerset Youth Can Do



Karen Deverell, left, and Eve Parsons from Mendip YMCA

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