



Job description

Social Organiser at 5 Shires District Branch (role covering Bedfordshire)

The Oddfellows' aim is to improve the quality of life for their members through active social involvement, care support and a range of financial benefits and services.

The role:

Our Social Organiser has a key role supporting our existing members to get social and active, as well as bring in new members to enjoy what the Oddfellows has to offer. You will have an active role in developing the Branch to achieve its full potential, aiming to establish new groupings in relevant areas. You will need to be a highly social and caring person, able to create a fun and friendly environment, and will need to take an active part in what we do. You will be sympathetic to the ethos of our Society, and as you become familiar with our Society's values, will want to become a member yourself.

Hours:

The position is for an equalised 8 hours per week. You'll be predominantly working remotely from home but will be expected to organise and attend events in Bedfordshire. The role is permanent, based on a successful probationary period.

You will be expected to work on your own initiative with a flexible approach. Hours may include some weekend and evening work in line with our service delivery.

Salary and rewards:

This is an 8 hour per week post with a pay rate of £14.00 per hour. All out of pocket expense will be reimbursed.

Day to day reporting to: Branch Secretary

Accountable to: Committee of Management (CoM)

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Overall purpose:

To co-ordinate, organise, promote and develop social events and to take a proactive role in using events to attract new members to join the Branch.

Key tasks and responsibilities:

- In conjunction with the CoM, be involved in the creation/execution of a social and membership development plan
- Research the interests, hobbies, age and geographic spread of the membership to organise social events which appropriately reflect their interests and location
- Take bookings and contact members to remind them about forthcoming events. Also undertake follow up calls to thank them for attending and to get their feedback

- Develop relationships and network with local like-minded organisations with a view to exploring recruitment opportunities, increasing awareness of the Branch and its activities and the Oddfellows in general
- Advertise events to the membership, and prospective members when appropriate. This will include the production of a branded events diary (at least bi-annually) and keeping the Events Booking System up to date
- Undertake administrative duties such as dealing with bookings, confirming venues, trips etc
- Liaise with the Branch Development Department at Unity Office in Manchester for support and advice
- Support social committee members and proactively encourage other members to volunteer—keeping them informed and motivated. Help them with events (including taking photographs, writing event reviews for the newsletter and other front of house duties)
- Attend social committee meetings and events
- Any other duties reasonably required to do the job.

Person specification:

- Should have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, email, internet and social media (Facebook in particular)
- A full clean driving licence and access to a car
- Excellent interpersonal skills and enjoys meeting new people and ensuring that everyone feels part of any event
- Able to budget effectively and manage money
- Is flexible and prepared to work evenings and weekends
- Has a proven ability to work to deadlines without supervision
- Strong organisational skills
- Has some experience of customer relations and marketing
- Is persuasive and confident about putting fresh ideas forward
- Is resourceful and able to overcome challenges
- Is willing to work with a range of people with different backgrounds and social circumstances.

How to apply:

Please email your CV/profile with a letter of introduction outlining your suitability for the role to the 5 Shires Branch Secretary, Emily Ellis at emily.ellis@oddfellows.co.uk

You are welcome to email or call Emily on 07970 793978 if further information is required. All applicants will receive an email reply, and successful candidates will be invited for an interview.

Closing date: Sunday 6 September 2026

Interview date: Week commencing Monday 14 September 2026