

I was away on holiday for over two weeks so less to report on this month.

## 2 June

Attended the Volunteer Celebration Event in the Council Chamber at County Hall. This was a very successful event with over 80 groups highlighting what their volunteers did and introducing Volunteering Champions. A full report is on the website.

## 3 June

Attended Health Improvement Group meeting – the key areas for health improvement being addressed are Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol.

## 23 June

Met with Kathryn Cobain (public health) to talking about volunteering in Worcestershire

Met with Clare Marchant (new Chief Executive at the County Council) as part of her induction programme. We discussed the role of Worcestershire Voices and our plans to extend our reach to the wider VCS, the development of a Volunteering Strategy for Worcestershire and the need to focus on community action. Clare said that the Volunteer Celebration Event had raised the profile of volunteering to a wider group including the Deputy Lieutenant. Clare was also keen to ensure that the Next Generation work continued.

## 24 June

Attended the Wyre Forest Multi Agency Forum meeting. This was a lively group which considered a wide range of topics of interest to a diverse range of voluntary sector and public sector partners. Topics included volunteering and the health benefits, befriending and transport and an update on the development of projects and other ways in which groups were working together.

## 26 June

Health and Well Being Board Stakeholder event – focussing on Social Isolation and Loneliness in older people.