

## PONTIN'S PERSON OF THE WEEK

Every week Post People and Pontin's thank those in the community who help the rest of us. This week **HURTEJ KAUR** spoke to Dave Thomas, a volunteering development worker at Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service

# 'You feel you have made a difference'

**F**ORMING links with managers and co-ordinators may seem a daunting task for most people, but it's something Dave Thomas takes in his stride.

The 53-year-old volunteering development worker for NCVS has to ensure volunteers offered places with different organisations are treated fairly.

He has been in the post for just three months and has already made significant improvements to NCVS, which is why Sangita Dhawan has nominated him this week.

Mrs Dhawan, 44, is a volunteers co-ordinator for adult mental health services with the NHS.

She said: "Ever since Dave came into this post he's brought new life to the organisation and he's very pro-active in partnership work."

"He has new methods like using e-mail far more than we used to, and that works really well in finding vacancies for our volunteers."

"He also comes up with a lot of ideas and he's prompt in responding to requests from members of the network who need information."

"I was looking for a placement for someone who is a talented artist but looking for a voluntary place for someone in the arts can be extremely difficult. But Dave passed on the details to others and I've already had a response."

Speaking about his *Post People* award nomination, Mr Thomas said: "I'm really surprised and very, very happy about being nominated as it recognises that as a team we deliver what we set out to."

Mr Thomas has worked in various roles at NCVS for the past 20 years. Currently, his main role is to liaise with around 436 different organisations.

He added: "I just enjoy what I do. It sums up the CVS and what it offers. You can come into work and it's not routine and you never know what the next phone call is going to be about."

"Most of the time you can go home and feel you have made a difference in a small way."

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