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HELP**



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We need your help!

Shetland Islands Council's Trading Standards Service is looking for young people to help with **test purchasing**. We test if shops are breaking the law by selling **tobacco** to young people under 18.

You can start training from 15½ years old, and test purchase between the ages of 16 and 16½.

How does it work?

We train you first, explaining what you are being asked to do and practising it with you. Then, once you feel ready, you can go with us to try and buy cigarettes.

We make sure you stay safe, and a member of the Trading Standards team is with you at all times.

You will not be asked to test purchase near your home or school, or anywhere else that you might be recognised.

You must get written permission from your parent or guardian to take part.

If two volunteers want to train and travel together, they can.

Would I have to lie?

NO! We never ask you to lie.

What if I change my mind?

No worries - you can change your mind and pull out at any point.

What's in it for me?

No pay - sorry!

But we provide meals, snacks, drinks and transport when you help us out. We can give **references** for jobs or college and a **certificate** of participation. Your time with us can also count towards an **MV award**.

This gives you a real chance to help your community, and previous volunteers have found the experience interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile.

Will I have to go to court?

Very unlikely - and we take steps to avoid this.

But, if the trader is prosecuted, you might be asked to tell the court what happened.

How do I become a volunteer?

- 1 You and your parent or guardian fill in the response form and send it back to us.**
- 2 We contact your parent or guardian and arrange to visit you at home to explain everything fully.**
- 3 When we visit, we also arrange training and transport.**

Interested?

Email trading.standards@shetland.gov.uk or call **Lesley** on **01595 744895** and she'll send you a response form to fill in and return.