

# Points of view

■ Regarding the article in the paper last week about charity shops in Tenterden, my comment was about the lack of charity shop volunteers generally in Tenterden rather than a comment made specifically about the Save the Children charity shop which is closing in December.

One only has to look in the majority of charity shop windows in Tenterden to see most of them are adorned with notices appealing for volunteers.

Any new charity shop thinking of coming into Tenterden needs to consider the availability of volunteers in their business plan very carefully. Volunteers will be difficult to find in Tenterden and they will not be queuing up at your door, not because we don't have people willing to be volunteers, it's because we have so many charity shops and only so many volunteers to go around. Oh and the fact that the unemployment rate in Tenterden is 0.5%.

Some charity shops do particularly well for volunteers in Tenterden such as the Cancer Research charity shop; many of the volunteers have been with Cancer



## Save the Children charity shop

Research for years and I'm sure helping out in the shop is like a friendly club and a chance for a social occasion which is brilliant.

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