



Our manager, Elliot Sawers, began volunteering with DDCA in 1989, and successfully applied for the manager's post in 1998. He manages our day to day service provision, our staff, our volunteers, and our building, along with attending our activities. He also delivers most of the training for our staff and volunteers. Elliot also maintains our relationship with our supporters, including trusts and charitable foundations, and he designed and maintains our website. Elliot led the planning and fundraising for our current premises between 1999 and 2005, and developed our current working model when we moved to Lawton Road, which gradually increased our service provision so we now operate to capacity without an increase in staffing or the need for a large staff. Elliot went on to lead DDCA to an "Excellent" rating following our last unannounced external inspection. Elliot enjoys the varied nature of his role at DDCA, and is proud to be a part of the organisation. He has an MA (Hons) in English Literature, a Post Graduate Diploma in Community Education, and a Master's in Education (his dissertation explored the impact of volunteering on volunteers). Elliot also has an SVQ 4 in Care Management.