



Role: Garden Maintenance Volunteer

Responsible to: Independence and Home Manager

Time Commitment:

- ½ Day Training (approx. 4 hours)
- Minimum of 4 hours per week.
- 8 weeks volunteering

Location: Birmingham

About the Service

Age UK Birmingham's Home Falls Prevention team provides older people with services to stay confident and mobile within their own home. This role supports older people to access their garden and ensure it is safe to use without risk of falls or injury.

We are looking for a reliable volunteer that is confident with experience of garden maintenance tasks to support this service to help older people in Birmingham make the most of later life.

About the Role

The Garden Maintenance Volunteer will be responsible for visiting older people and providing basic gardening support to ensure their garden is safe to navigate and free from hazards, this will also help with their mobility, confidence and increase wellbeing.

Specific tasks may include:

- To undertake Age UK Birmingham and Age UK Sandwell induction programme and additional relevant training
 - Assessment of client's gardens
 - Complete risk assessment template to ensure safe working practices
 - Providing Everyday Gardening Activities
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- Mowing Lawns
 - Hedge Trimming
 - Pruning
 - Weeding
 - Planting

- Clearing & Maintaining level pathways
- To keep accurate and confidential records
- To report any concerns to the manager of the service
- To attend meetings / supervision when required

Not in the Scope of the Role

Volunteers are able to support for approx. 2.5hrs per session, larger tasks are **not included** within this project, including but not limited to

- Tree Maintenance
- Fence Repairs
- Full Garden Clearance
- Use of COSHH – Weed Killers etc

Personal qualities and skills most suited to this role

- A good practical understanding of home gardening tasks
- Good listening and communication skills essential
- Patience and tact
- A caring, sympathetic, sensitive manner and a non-judgemental approach
- Commitment to understanding the needs of people older people
- Reliable/dependable/flexible
- Understanding of confidentiality (working with Age UK Birmingham and Age UK Sandwell’s policies and procedures).

Other Criteria

- Hold a valid, clean UK driving license and have access to own vehicle with valid insurance and MOT
- Not in high risk groups for COVID 19

Time commitment

The service will predominantly be delivered during office hours Mon –Fri 9am -5pm but we are able to support out of hours volunteering Evenings & Weekends

Training Requirements	Method	Time
Welcome to Age UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who we are • Professional Boundaries • Confidentiality • Health & Safety • Safeguarding Adults • Data Protection 	Volunteers can choose to complete this learning by either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending a face-to-face session at Stratford House • 2 x Webinar Sessions + Elearning Modules 	3 hours
Service Induction	F2F Session or Webinar	1 hour