

Volunteer Role: Scams Awareness Champion

Age UK Cheshire East is an independent local charity in Cheshire East, supporting people in later life. The charity was established in 1988 and is well placed to meet the growing demand for services and projects that support one of most rapidly increasing older populations in the UK.

<p>Project:</p>	<p>Older Persons Scams Awareness & Aftercare Project</p> <p>Over 50% of older people have been targeted by scammers. You can help them fight back.</p> <p>Our scams project raises awareness of scams with older people to empower them to spot, avoid and report scams. It provides much needed aftercare support to older people who have been victims of scams.</p> <p>The project is run in partnership with Cheshire East Council Trading Standards and is kindly funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and the Garfield Weston Foundation.</p> <p>Find more information about the project on our website at: https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshireeast/our-services/scams-awareness/</p>
<p>Location(s):</p>	<p>From home and in the local community based in north Cheshire East.</p>
<p>Role and tasks summary:</p>	<p>Our Scams Awareness Champions are plugged in to their local communities. They know where to connect with older people, face to face and online, and are passionate about sharing scams awareness messages to keep them safe.</p> <p>When our Champions hear about scams, they let the project know so the messages can be shared far and wide, through our Scams Awareness Champions network. Some do this face to face in their locality, and through the community groups they know; others share it online – it’s up to you!</p> <p>The project delivers scams awareness sessions to groups of older people, so our Champions are always on the lookout for local groups that would benefit from this.</p>
<p>Time Commitment:</p>	<p>It’s a flexible role, which you can do from home and fit in around your life. You can volunteer from as little as an hour a week, to however much time you would like to give.</p> <p>All the Scams Awareness Champions meet four times a year to get to know each other and for further updates.</p>

Skills/Qualifications:	<p>You'll either have knowledge of scams or an interest in finding out more about them.</p> <p>You'll have contacts with older people in your local community – either face to face or online. You'll enjoy talking to people, again, virtually or in person.</p> <p>Our Champions share information with people who may be vulnerable to scams, so you'll need to be well organised, reliable and trustworthy.</p> <p>Being able to use email, texts and social media would be great, but some of our Champions support us through non-technical ways too, through posters and word of mouth.</p>
Training Provided:	Our Champions complete online scams awareness training when they start and receive regular updates, as required.
Expenses Reimbursed:	Yes, both travel and out-of-pocket expenses
Benefits to volunteer:	<p>It's a great way to keep up to date with scams for yourself, family and friends and to help older people in your local community.</p> <p>You will gain useful work experience for a recognised, valued and effective charity.</p>
Application Procedure:	Informal chat, application form submitted, trial period, then formal induction.
DBS Check required:	Yes
References:	Yes
Trial Period:	To be agreed between volunteer and Project Manager.