**Volunteer Role Description**

**Walk in the Park Leader**

***Walk in the Park*** – for people that enjoy shorter and local walks. Enjoy the seasons by exploring local green spaces and watching for wildlife.

Do you like getting out in the fresh air and having a short walk? Do you like visiting garden centres, farm shops or shopping malls?  Is this a passion you would like to share with others? We are looking for people who would like to support this new exciting club that we are setting up in 2016 for people 50+.

We want to encourage more participation in activities at Age UK Merton by providing an excellent service and warm welcome. Our volunteers are invaluable in this. This role description sets out the main responsibilities for volunteers supporting activities.

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* Supporting the Out & About Lead to find suitable local places to walk
* Greet and welcome those participating and support them during the walk
* Lead or be the back marker during the walk and when stopping at cafes, ensuring everyone stays together
* Support, chat and have a cuppa with those who are on their own
* Facilitate conversation between clients; make sure everyone is happy - ensuring everyone has an enjoyable experience
* Helping with the organisation of walks, this could include organising practical resources for the day, or taking client bookings and payments
* Promoting events through a range of avenues

**Skills**

* Sociable and outgoing personality
* Practical skills and good common sense
* Ability to assist with an activity or club
* Ability to understand Health & Safety and adhere to Age UK Merton policies and procedures
* Good communication skills and friendly personality
* Empathy and caring
* Team work
* Ability to follow instructions
* An interest in walking
* Some experience of going out with a walking group would be an advantage