

Volunteer Community Connector



Are you passionate about helping older people?

Did you know that there are 48,900 people aged 65 or over in Rotherham and that around 61% of them have a limiting long term illness or disability?

Be our eyes and ears in your local community by becoming a Community Connector. Age UK Rotherham is a registered charity, seeking to promote and improve the well-being of all older people and their carers in Rotherham. Community Connectors will help to make our advice and information more accessible. Connectors will support people by linking them to local social activities and referring them to the Advice and Information Team and other services at Age UK Rotherham. This is a community based role and we match volunteers based on your availability and location.

“With the help from Age UK Rotherham, I feel like a weight has been lifted, it has also improved our lives.”
An older person supported by an Age UK Volunteer

Becoming a Community Connector Volunteer is an excellent personal development opportunity. You gain confidence and experience in talking to people as well as helping to make a difference to your own community. You will also be given full training and on going support throughout your time as a Connector with the option of undertaking further training to help you do the role.

Your role will be to:

- Helping older people
- Make links with people in their local neighbourhood.
- Listen and help people to find the information and support they need
- Refer people and help them to book people on appointments with Age UK Services
- Become aware of, and refer people to, local community groups and services
- Complete paperwork and feedback to office staff
- Taking part in fundraising events and attending community events (optional)
- Attend all relevant induction and training

Is this role for you?

Community Connectors will be natural listeners, networkers, relationship builders. They will be positive, optimistic, caring and compassionate. No specific skills or experience are required for this role but the following are desirable:

- Reliable friendly, flexible and supportive
- Good communication skills
- Enthusiasm and an interest in helping to raise awareness about Age UK Rotherham

Role title:	EngAge Rotherham Community Connector
Responsible to:	EngAge Rotherham Development and Support Worker
Hours	2-3 hour sessions - to be arranged to suit your schedule. May include some evenings
Days:	A team of Community Connectors will be needed to cover community bases in several different locations from Monday to Friday.
Location:	This role which coordinated from our base at: Age UK Rotherham, Eastwood Trading Estate, Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham S65 1SL. Community Connectors who will be attached to Community Hubs in local districts.