

# OUR YEAR IN VOLUNTEERING

## JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017



83 regular  
volunteers

Duke of  
York award  
for EngAge  
group



Two new types  
of volunteer  
roles

22 new  
volunteers



Rotherham  
Kitemark Plus  
success

New handbook  
and induction



As June marks the end of volunteer month, we would like to celebrate the successes we have had and the improvements that we have made over the last year.

These include:

- Twenty-two new volunteers started at Age UK Rotherham.
- Eighty-three people regularly volunteer for Age UK with around twenty other people offering less regular volunteer support.
- Two new volunteer roles introduced taking the total to sixteen different volunteer roles across the organisation.
- The start of volunteer drop in sessions on the second Monday afternoon of each month to allow people interested in volunteering to come and talk to a member of staff.
- Introduced new evening meeting and training sessions for volunteers who struggle to attend the daytime sessions.
- Introduced a new volunteer handbook and updated the volunteer induction.
- Achieved Rotherham Kitemark Plus status.
- Member of EngAge Rotherham staff received a Level Three in Volunteer Management qualification.
- Member of Voluntary Action Rotherham's Coordinator Forum.
- Eight events supported by volunteers - Fish and Chip Event, Afternoon Tea Event, Love Later Life Run, Gala Dinner, Rotherham Show, Remembrance Event, and two Christmas Events.
- Love Later Life Run was supported by 12 volunteers.
- Intergenerational volunteering at our Remembrance Day Event.
- Christmas Carol Service which included a two course lunch and entertainment was attended by over 100 older people and volunteers.
- Took part in Voluntary Action Rotherham Big Walk.
- Introduced the community connectors training, piloting it with five volunteers, adapting it and running it twice more.
- Fourteen volunteers completed Safeguarding training with Rotherham Council.
- Twelve volunteers trained in fire safety as part of the Safe and Well Project.
- Two volunteers took part in a coaching session.
- New administration volunteer joined the EngAge Rotherham team, offering eight hours of support to the team's running every week.
- Successfully helped our Brinsworth EngAge affiliated group with their Awards for All bid especially around the aspect of managing paperwork.
- Successful helped our Todwick EngAge affiliated group achieve the Duke of York Community Initiative Award.

**Why not start your own new adventure and volunteer with Age UK Rotherham. For more details about volunteering at Age UK Rotherham:**

- visit our [volunteering page](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/rotherham/how-you-can-help/volunteering/) on our website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/rotherham/how-you-can-help/volunteering/>
- call in to our volunteer drop in at our office on the **second Monday afternoon** (between 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm) of every month
- call **01709 910 699**
- email [volunteering@ageukrotherham.org](mailto:volunteering@ageukrotherham.org)

