

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Home Visit Befrienders:

Offer companionship to an isolated, lonely older person through regular weekly home visits (around 1 hour). This is an open-ended role requiring ongoing commitment, with flexible scheduling to suit you—daytime, evening, or weekends. Volunteers must be 18 or over



By Your Side :

Make a meaningful difference in the life of a lonely, isolated older person. As a By Your Side Volunteer, you'll meet with your client weekly or fortnightly for around 2 hours to offer companionship and encouragement. Your role will focus on helping them achieve personal goals—whether that's getting out of the house, attending local activities, rebuilding confidence, or making new social connections. Through friendly conversation and gentle support, you'll help them feel more connected to their community and less alone. A time-limited role lasting up to 6 months. Volunteers in this role must be aged over 18



Telephone Befrienders:

Volunteer from your own home as a Telephone Befriender offering friendship and conversation by telephoning an isolated, lonely older person living alone. Volunteers in this role spend around 30 minutes each week chatting with their client, listening, providing stimulating conversation and building a friendship. Telephone Befrienders must be aged 18 or over



Group Support Volunteers:

We hold a number of weekly groups across the district where volunteers can help and support group leaders by setting up before sessions and clearing down afterwards, making attendees feel welcome and amongst friends, supporting with activities, listening and chatting with people and helping with refreshments. Group Support volunteers must be aged 18 or over.



Oral History Project Volunteer:

Support our Oral History team in capturing & preserving the stories of older people through either conducting interviews or transcribing them. The role is flexible & can fit around your availability. We're looking for volunteers (18+) who are confident, courteous, & have good communication & organisational skills. Depending on your interests, you may help with recording interviews (training provided, experience with audio equipment is a bonus) or transcribing them (typing & computer skills required) A calm, patient approach and the ability to work both independently & as part of a team are important.



Time For Tea Volunteers:

Time for Tea events run throughout the district in shared public spaces such as supermarkets and shopping centres. They provide an opportunity for older people to gather informally and enjoy refreshments in open areas they already visit, making it a regular drop-in event and providing passers-by with an easy opportunity to engage, feeling comfortable and safe. Volunteers provide a warm and welcome smile to attendees joining the event, sit and have a chat, socialise with participants and help serve refreshments. Events run for 2 hours. Volunteers in this role must be aged 16 or over.



Retail Assistants

Volunteers can assist in our shops in Horbury or Wakefield - greeting and serving customers, preparing goods for sale, assisting with shop displays and handling cash transactions on the till. Retail volunteers must be aged 16 or over. Our shops are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



Reading Friends

Inspire a love of reading in primary school children through relaxed, 1-1 reading sessions. Help build their confidence, spark their imagination, and support their literacy development. This role requires a good level of literacy, as well as patience, a friendly manner, and the ability to communicate effectively with children. You'll be matched with a local school as part of our Schools Project. Volunteers in this role must be aged over 18.



Feedback Call Volunteers:

Use your admin and communication skills from home. We're seeking volunteers who are clear communicators, confident speaking on the phone, with basic customer service and computer/database knowledge, or a desire to learn. Flexible hours. Must have a phone and device (computer/tablet/laptop) and be aged 18 or over



Other ways to Volunteer with Age UK Wakefield District :

We welcome those happy to help occasionally with activities like fundraising, knitting campaigns, and event support (e.g., Armed Forces Day, Park Runs). If you have skills to offer, get in touch for a friendly chat and help us Be The Difference.

**For more information about our volunteer opportunities please call
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