

Occasional Driver Volunteer

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>‘Occasional Driver volunteers’ transport isolated older people, without access to their own or public transport, to and from Age UK Waltham Forest events. .</p> <p>As an organisation we run regular social events for our isolated older clients. Often clients struggle to attend due to lack of transport. Our Occasional Driver Volunteers offer an invaluable service that helps us tackle loneliness and enables more older people to benefit from our work in the local community.</p> <p>You will be collecting an older person from their house in your own vehicle and driving them to a specified event venue (always within Waltham Forest) or equally doing a return journey to transport the older person home.</p>
<p>Services Manager</p>	<p>Dependent on event</p>
<p>Time Commitment</p>	<p>An occasional weekday morning or afternoon. When events occur, Age UK Waltham Forest email all occasional drivers to see who is available. You should be prepared to commit to a minimum of 4 events a year.</p>

Main Tasks of the Role

- Collecting an older person from their home, assisting them into your own vehicle (ensuring safety e.g. seat belts, Covid hygiene and safety)
- Moving equipment into boot, such as fold up walker, frame, wheelchair
- Assisting them out of the vehicle and into the event.
- Supporting return journeys from events to client’s own homes
- Full UK driving licence is required (with 12 months driving experience and no more than 3 points on your licence)
- MOT, tax and appropriate insurance cover (this is free and just involves informing your insurance company)
- Expenses for mileage are reimbursed

<p>What we expect from our volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For you to be committed and reliable • For you to be aware of Health and Safety issues at all times • For you to work within Age UK Waltham Forest’s Equal Opportunities Policy and Confidentiality Policy • For you to attend a one-off induction and training session 	<p>What the volunteer can expect from us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will receive an induction to the organisation and to your role • You will be provided with training (including moving and handling training) and ongoing support
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DBS (formerly CRB) checks are required for Volunteer roles for one-to-one work with older people. We will arrange this for you if your role requires it and you will not incur any costs.

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