

Walking Befriender Volunteer

Why do we need you?

Our walking befriender service pairs volunteers to support people with a visual impairment for one-to-one, short, local walks to reduce loneliness, improve mobility, boost confidence and to stay active and healthy.

What activities will I be involved in?

- Short, leisurely walks in the local area tailored to the individual's pace, often including a stop for coffee or chat.

What skills and abilities will I need to have?

- A good listener.
- Sociable and friendly.
- Sufficient mobility to undertake low impact stroll for up to 1 hour.

How much time should I offer?

- We would be looking for a commitment of up to 1 hour, every 1 to 2 weeks.

Is there an induction and training?

- You will receive an induction when you start.
- We will provide any other training that is needed for the role.
- This role includes an essential sighted guiding course which all volunteers will need to pass as part of the recruitment process and before starting.

What on-going support/guidance will there be?

- You will be supported by our Community team and Volunteer Coordinator.
- Opportunities to meet and network with staff and fellow volunteers during the year.

Will I need my own transport?

- Although not essential, access to your own vehicle would be an advantage.



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What are the benefits to me?

- The opportunity of meeting new people and working as part of a dedicated team.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a vital difference to people living with sight loss.

Will my expenses be paid?

- We pay volunteers “out-of-pocket” expenses in accordance with our guidelines.

Do I need to submit to a Disclosure and Barring Service check?

- As a volunteer working with vulnerable people you will need to undergo an Enhanced DBS check in accordance with our policies.

What's the next step?

You can apply to become a volunteer by completing our application form, or call us on 01926 411331 or visit

www.warwickshire.vision

We look forward to welcoming you to the team!



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