

# Finance Officer

## Job description

Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia



# Who we are

## Dementia is the biggest health and social challenge of our time.

There are currently estimated to be 900,000 people in the UK with dementia. Many are undiagnosed and facing the realities of their condition alone.

At Alzheimer's Society we're working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. We do this by giving help to those living with dementia today and providing hope for the future.

We're here for everyone living with dementia.

As a Society, we are made up of people with dementia, carers, trusted experts, campaigners, researchers and clinicians. We are the UK's largest collective force of people with unparalleled knowledge and over 40 years of experience addressing the biggest challenges facing people living with dementia.

## Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia.

# Our values

Our values tell everyone who we are as an organisation. Our values make sure that our focus is clear for the challenges and opportunities ahead and remind us what we all stand for. Our values are evident in everything we do, how we do it and how we work together.

These are not just words on a wall, we live these every day in all our work. We are Determined to make a difference when and where it matters most, by being passionate, focussed and making a lasting impact for people affected by dementia.



### Determined to make a difference

We're passionate, we're focused and we make a lasting impact for everyone living with dementia.



### Trusted expert

We're listening, we're learning and we use experience and evidence.



### Better together

We're open, we combine our strengths and we achieve more together.



### Compassionate

We're kind, we're honest and we don't shy away from challenges.

Through our values we will make the greatest difference for people affected by dementia. Whether you are someone living with dementia, a family member or carer, a supporter, a donor, a colleague from another organisation, an employee or a volunteer, these four values will shape your experience with Alzheimer's Society.

# Finance Officer

## Position in the Organisation

Reports to Transactional Accounting Team – Team Leader

Member of our Finance team.

Part of our Finance and Assurance directorate.

## Purpose of this Role

We are here for anyone affected by dementia to help them navigate some of the hardest and most frightening times of their lives.

We are advisors, supporters, fundraisers, researchers, influencers, communicators, technical specialist and so much more. We are volunteers, we are employees, and together we are here to make a difference to the lives of people living with dementia and their carers.

The Finance Officer will be responsible for the accurate processing and reporting of financial transactions across the whole Society, covered by the Society Accounting Centre, in line with finance policies and procedures.

Working in our Plymouth office you will be part of a busy team who ensure all donations are accurately banked and timely posting of customer receipts on to the finance system and administer debtor accounts.

We are looking for someone who exemplifies our values, someone who is: Determined to make a difference when and where it matters most. A Trusted Expert who believes in working Better Together and demonstrates true Compassion.

## Key Accountabilities and Responsibilities

- Process all types of income and expenditure transactions using the Society's finance system and ensure they comply with internal procedures and guidelines.
- Raise sales invoices and requests for donations as required.
- Maintaining accurate up-to-date customer accounts, allocating payments, reviewing credit terms and reconciling discrepancies.
- Chasing remittance advice of unallocated payments, issuing debtor letters and customer statements.
- Provide a high quality of customer service when dealing with stakeholder queries.
- Process all bank transactions directly into the Society's finance system and perform monthly bank reconciliations.
- Process all credit card payments and reconcile to daily banking.
- Assist in month end and year end closing processes, ensuring all financial transactions are appropriately recorded.
- Assist in preparation for financial audits and liaising with auditors to provide required documentation.
- Provide other clerical support necessary to the Transactional Services teams.

## We are looking for someone who can...

- Adhere to all the Society's service standards, policies and procedures.
- Comply with the data protection regulations, ensuring that information on clients remains confidential.
- Be responsible for personal learning and development, to support the learning and development of others and the whole organisation.
- Work in a manner that facilitates inclusion, particularly of people with dementia.
- Implement the Society's health and safety policy and procedures, ensuring that all practices and procedures are undertaken in accordance with a healthy and safe working environment and that all staff and volunteers for whom you may be responsible are aware of their responsibilities in respect of their role, monitoring data and recommending action as required.
- Administrate and organise own work to ensure that it is accurate and meets quality targets, reasonable deadlines, and reporting requirements.
- Follow the Society's management information guidelines and requirements, including ensuring appropriate monthly measures on service usage levels are collected and submitted on the services database or other systems in accordance with deadlines.

## Person Specification and Selection Criteria

Skills & Knowledge	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)	Application (A) or Interview (I)
Experience as a Credit Controller/Sales Ledger/Accounts Receivable Clerk.	E	A/I
Knowledge of financial accounting standards, year-end audit requirements and financial policies, process and control.	E	A/I
Excellent customer service skills both verbally and in writing. This must include the ability to use teams.	E	A/I
Enthusiastic, positive and flexible approach to new challenges.	D	I
A proactive approach to problem-solving and resolution	D	I
Strong data entry experience, efficient and accurate, using Microsoft Office tools, Excel and Outlook.	E	A/I

Experience using Unit 4/Agresso finance system or other ERP systems.	D	A/I
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<b>Competencies &amp; Personal Attributes</b>	<b>Essential (E) or Desirable (D)</b>	<b>Application (A) or Interview (I)</b>
Be a team player, supporting colleagues when there are deadlines, and who knows when to ask for help themselves.	E	A/I
Be a self-starter and incredibly motivated.	E	A/I
Excellent organisational and timekeeping skills.	E	A/I
Excellent attention to detail.	E	A/I
Non-judgemental communication	E	A/I
Commitment to and understanding of equal opportunities	E	A/I
Understanding of the inclusion agenda and its relevance within a diverse society	E	A/I

Essential requirements are those, without which, the post holder would not be able to fulfil the responsibilities of the role. Desirable requirements are those which would be useful for the post holder to possess and will be considered when more than one applicant meets the essential requirements.

This post will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Check, from either the Disclosure and Barring Service (England & Wales), Disclosure Scotland Check (Scotland) or AccessNI (Northern Ireland). If you require further information regarding Criminal Records Check, then please contact: [careers@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:careers@alzheimers.org.uk)

# Our benefits



## Financial Security

- Group Personal Pension Plan with Scottish Widows – with up to 8% employer contribution rate
- Life Assurance Scheme – two times your annual salary
- Society Plus and Smart Spending App – giving you unbeatable savings at hundreds of retailers



## Health & Wellbeing

- Health Cash Plan
- 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme including online and face to face counselling
- Discounted gym membership with Society Plus
- Lived Experience Networks
- Mental health app and unlimited therapy



## Personal Development

- Apprenticeships
- Women in Leadership development programme
- Leadership development programme
- Financial support towards relevant professional qualifications



## Family & Dependants

- Enhanced family leave – 16 weeks paid for all parents
- Paid time off work for fertility treatments for both partners
- Paid carers leave
- Paid dependants leave
- Paid compassionate and bereavement leave
- Paid time off work to support those transitioning



## Recognition

- Annual people awards
- Long service awards
- Thank you eCards
- Values Hero and Society Legend Awards



## Work Life Balance

- Annual leave of 27 days increasing to 30, plus bank holidays
- Career breaks of up to 3 months
- Flexible working
- Wellbeing leave