

# Community Activity Support Volunteer Role description

Together we are help and hope for everyone living with dementia



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## Why we need you

You'll be supporting people living with dementia to attend existing social activities within their local communities.

You will enable people living with dementia to remain socially active and engaged in their communities by accompanying them to pre-arranged activities. Your support will help people feel connected to their communities by encouraging people to build relationships and reduce isolation.



## What you will be doing

- Accompanying people living with dementia to attend pre-arranged local community activities. **Please note: You will not be driving people to or from their chosen activity.**
- You will be there as a point of contact and connection so that the person living with dementia can feel more confident to participate in the chosen social activity.
- Engaging with people living with dementia to support in the coordination of attendance at local community activities.
- Support with administration tasks for activity engagement, for example providing brief feedback on your support to your volunteer role manager.



## This role will suit you if you

- Are passionate about enabling people affected by dementia to remain socially active and engaged.
- Have an understanding of dementia and its impact on people and their needs.
- Can demonstrate empathy, compassion, and patience.
- Are organised and have good communication skills, especially listening.
- Are happy volunteering on your own and keeping in touch with your Team.



## What you can expect from us

- We will make you feel welcome, included and respected.
- You will receive training, ongoing supervision and support.
- You can claim pre-agreed out of pocket expenses (for example, travel) in line with our policy.
- We'll keep you up to date with relevant policies and procedures that apply to your role.
- You'll have access to learning, development and engagement opportunities for volunteers.



## What we need from you

To ensure the safety and security of people with dementia we ask for:

- Two references and proof of identity.
- You will need to complete a criminal record check, in line with the legal requirements. A criminal record will not necessarily stop you being able to carry out this role.

- To put the role into practice most effectively volunteers are recommended to continue for at least 6 months.
- Learning at the start will take about 4-5 hours, followed by periodic refreshers.
- You will need your own computer, internet access and phone.