

Care Home Volunteer

What we do

Established in 1941, Brunelcare is an award winning Bristol based charity providing high quality housing, care and support for older people in the South West.

Today, across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Somerset, Brunelcare works to support people to remain as independent as possible, for as long as possible.

Care is provided in people's own homes, in specialist care homes, a resablement facility and through our day centres. Housing is provided by 1,000 properties, across 33 sites, three extra care housing sites and a retirement village.

What you could do

Volunteering in one of our care homes or Extra Care sites is a wonderful way to become part of the everyday life of the home. Our care homes provide nursing, specialised dementia and residential care to residents, and our Extra Care sites enable people to live independently in their own flat, whilst enjoying the benefits of 24/7 care and support.

Regular activities, events, communal spaces and gardens help create a social atmosphere in all our homes, and there's lots to join in with regardless of your interests or motivations for volunteering. You could sit and chat with residents, play games and do crafts, help take care of the gardens, sing and read with residents, help out with day trips, events or going for a walk. Whatever you do, you will be making a difference to the lives of our residents.

You don't need a wide range of experience and skills. Enthusiasm, a friendly manner and a willingness to get involved are much more important, and our volunteering roles provide a great opportunity for you to learn and develop new skills.

****Please note: you will not be expected to provide any personal care such as washing, dressing, administering medication etc****

Where you could do this

We have care homes in Cadbury Heath, Glastonbury, Stockwood and Whitehall, and Extra Care sites in Bishopsworth, Fishponds and Whitchurch. All are easily accessible by public transport, walking, cycling and have free parking nearby.

When you can do this

Activities and support usually take place during weekdays, but some sites can support evening and weekend volunteering. We don't ask for a minimum time commitment, or any set hours, and volunteering with us can be flexible to fit around work, studying and other commitments.

This could be the role for you if you

- are friendly, understanding and helpful
- are a good communicator, able to interact with a wide range of people
- are reliable with good time management skills
- want to make a difference and improve the lives of others
- would like to gain experience of working with older people and life in a care or Extra Care environment

What we can offer you

- a free DBS check
- a reference for future employment or studying
- paid travel expenses
- an induction, and ongoing training and development
- a dedicated volunteer supervisor for support and regular check ins
- the chance to meet new people and make a difference

What to do next

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch: info@brunelcare.org.uk or 0117 914 4200.