

# The Wokingham Volunteer Centre

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**LOOKING TO  
VOLUNTEER?**



If you have some free time available and would like to put it to good use supporting charities across Wokingham Borough, then get in touch as we can help! We work with 100 charities - there is a role that will suit you perfectly.

**0118 977 0749**

[volunteerwokinghamborough.org.uk](http://volunteerwokinghamborough.org.uk)

For more information, call us or email:  
[volunteer@wok-vol.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@wok-vol.org.uk)

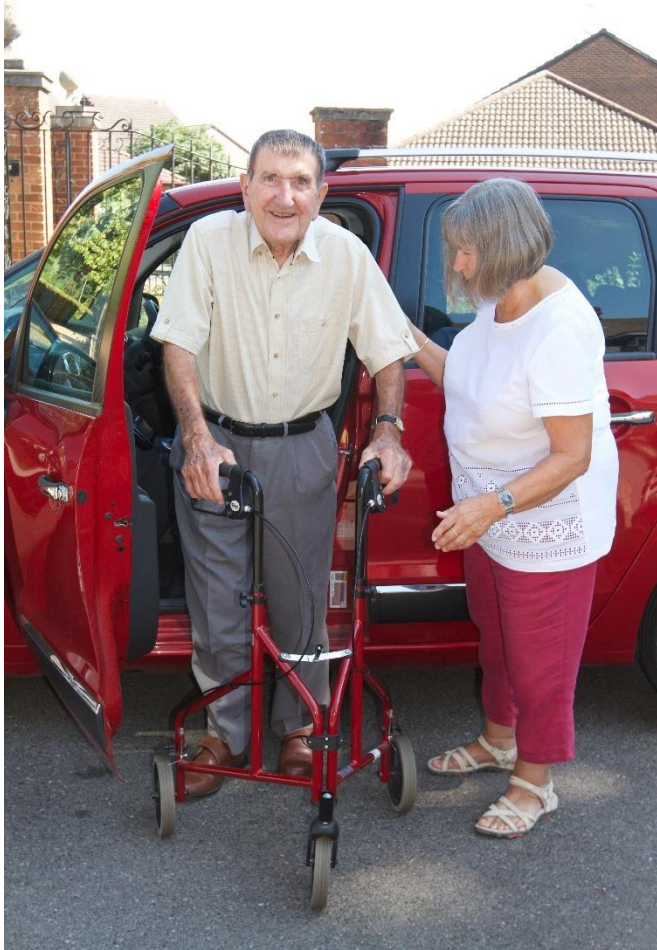


# What we are here for – TWVC purpose

- Volunteer brokerage service
- Support for voluntary sector groups
- Promoting Health & Wellbeing
  - Low-cost services for vulnerable elderly and disabled people in need
  - Signposting to additional sources of help



# How do we do this?



- Wokingham Borough focus
- Fantastic team of volunteers, trustees and staff
- The 'go to' organisation for meaningful voluntary roles
- Low cost, **high value**, volunteer-dependent services to help vulnerable residents live comfortably at home for longer
- Agile and responsive
- Collaborative

# Volunteer Brokerage service



- Volunteer portal – supporting up to 100 organisations with a wide variety of roles: <https://volunteerwokinghamborough.org.uk>
- Online, phone and face to face support for volunteers
- Volunteering advice and support for charities
- Promoting volunteering through weekly column in newspaper, articles in local press and newsletters and regular social media posts; e-newsletter
- Local Recruitment Fairs, including Lower Earley Library 16 April



# Earley & Wokingham Community Transport Scheme

## What is it?

- A volunteer led transport scheme serving the elderly and disabled residents of Earley & Wokingham
- Currently 114 volunteers: 107 drivers and 7 office support staff
- Destinations include 20 hospitals and 42 local medical centres (GPs, opticians and dentists)
- Attendance at social events & shopping
- Extensive travel area, reaching as far as the John Radcliffe in Oxford and hospitals in London



# What are the benefits of the Scheme and why community transport matters?

- Improved healthcare outcomes
- Trusted service
- Greater independence, reduced social isolation



# Green 'n' Tidy Gardening Scheme

Your garden in our volunteers' hands

- 170 gardens visited fortnightly
- Second van purchased 2023 to meet growing demand
- >2400 volunteer hours



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Thanks you for what you do for me, I don't know what I would do without you.

- Mr E

It is such a relief not to have to worry about the lawn getting long and your lovely people have even trimmed a couple of bits of "stuff " determined to take over!!!

- Mrs C

I am extremely grateful for all their efforts and, apart from that, feel I have made friends with them

- Mrs F

## Client Comments

Thank you all for looking after my garden and being such lovely people

- Mrs A

You take the anguish away when my neighbours complain

- Mr F

# Benefits to Volunteers & Clients

- Enhanced and extended collaboration and partnership with VCS & statutory bodies
- A resilient, locally focussed VCS and many willing volunteers
- Valued support from Borough, Town & Parish Councils & Partners



- Wokingham Charity & Community Hub
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- <https://wokinghamvolunteercentre.org.uk>

