



VISITOR VOLUNTEERS

Can you offer Comradeship through the Visitor Volunteer role?

Visiting our beneficiaries and their families has long been a core activity for our branches and remains very important with the increasing number of redundancies, relocations and the ageing profile of our beneficiary group.

We now need your help to grow the numbers of visitor volunteers so we can provide the scale of support our beneficiaries deserve.

The role of the visitor volunteer is to provide comradeship to individual beneficiaries in their home, in hospital or within the community. Through visitor volunteers, the Legion aims to reach beneficiaries and members of their families who may experience loneliness or are living in circumstances that cause isolation and which can result in physical or mental deterioration.

We are looking for reliable and trustworthy volunteers who will have the time available to make a commitment to visiting the person concerned for as long as is necessary.

Members who feel they have good listening skills and can be supportive, open and non-judgemental will find a rewarding and fulfilling role supporting beneficiaries in their local community. They will need to:

- Empathise with, offer comradeship to and befriend beneficiaries
- Be comfortable working on your own
- Be committed to equality and diversity

We have produced a detailed guidance pack on how to undertake the visitor volunteer role; this will be available from the East Midlands Volunteer Coordinator or the East Midlands Area Office.

Other Volunteer roles

There are other important volunteer roles available in the Legion that provides important support for our beneficiaries. Anyone interested in any of these roles should contact your local Area Team, or <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer> to discuss which roles are currently available:

- Information Officer - Pop in Centre (Derby)
- Administration Support (Mansfield and Derby)

Nottinghamshire:

- Caseworker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Poppy Appeal Collectors
- Poppy Appeal Organisers

