

**Volunteer Role:**

Volunteer Driver

Location:

Across Surrey

Role Overview:

Our volunteers play a vital part in our organisation, enabling us to deliver a wide range of services to the people we support. As a Volunteer Driver, you will help individuals access essential appointments and social events, directly contributing to their independence and wellbeing.

You'll be supporting transport to our Head Office in Fetcham for equipment and technology appointments, as well as local community events such as our monthly "Meet Up Catch Up" gatherings, Deaf Café, and Friendship Group. These social activities are a vital lifeline for many, helping to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

This role also offers a valuable opportunity to develop your communication, interpersonal, and time management skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Pick up and drop off people we support at pre arranged times and locations
- Always drive safely and responsibly
- Assist those we support in and out of the vehicle if needed (training provided)

- Ensure all passengers wear seatbelts and feel secure and comfortable
 - Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy, clean and correctly insured
 - Keep mileage records if claiming expenses
 - Inform Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey promptly of any delays, cancellations or issues
 - Maintain appropriate boundaries and respect the privacy and independence of the person .
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Skills and Experience:

- Friendly, empathetic and a good communicator
 - Reliable and able to commit to regular drives
 - Ability to volunteer independently with guidance and support
 - A full driving license
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Training and Support Provided:

- Sensory Awareness Training
 - Drop in Monthly BSL Sessions
 - Reimbursement of agreed travel and volunteer expenses
 - Opportunities for further training and involvement in community events.
 - Sighted guide training
 - Safeguarding training
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Volunteers who support people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind may have skills in the following areas:

- BSL level 2 or above
- Lip reading
- Sign Supported English
- Deafblind visual frame / hands on signing

Volunteers are required to have an enhanced check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey would apply for this on your behalf at no cost to yourself

To apply for this role, please visit our website at <https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/>