



**Berkshire
Vision**
Supporting The
Visually Impaired

Volunteer Role

Berkshire Vision is a local registered charity with over 100 years of expertise and experience in the provision of services, advice and support to more than 2,000 people across Berkshire who are blind or partially sighted.

We aim to provide visually impaired people with the information and support they need to live independently and safely.

Berkshire Vision recognises that help and support from volunteers will make a significant contribution towards allowing the charity to support those in need.

Befrienders – Across Berkshire

Befrienders are needed for visually impaired people throughout the county.

Being visually impaired can be a very isolating and lonely experience so we are looking for volunteers to spare an hour or more when they can, perhaps weekly or fortnightly, visiting one of our members in their home to provide a listening ear and friendly support.

Driving license and use of own vehicle would be beneficial for this role.

Key Skills

Good Communicator	Ideally you will have good communication skills and be empathetic as well as a good listener.
Committed	Regular commitment is needed for this role.

Knowledge of visual impairment would be useful but not essential as you will receive a Visual Impairment Awareness training session at our offices in Reading and you will receive biannual newsletters to keep you up to date with Berkshire Vision news.

As a member of the volunteer team you will be asked to liaise with the Volunteer Coordinator where appropriate.

Please note that applicants for this position need to be aged 21 and over. Our application procedure consists of an application form, 2 references and an enhanced DBS check.

Out of pocket travel expenses may be claimed.