



**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 blind or partially sighted people across Berkshire. We aim to provide visually impaired people with the information and support they need to live independently and safely.

We recognise that help and support from volunteers makes a vital contribution towards enabling the charity to support those in need.

Berkshire Vision Club Committee Members – Across Berkshire.

We run eight monthly social clubs based in the main towns throughout Berkshire (*Bracknell, Hungerford, Maidenhead, Newbury, Slough/Langley, Thatcham, Windsor & Wokingham*), each managed by a local committee made up of volunteers.

Committee members will support their chairman in helping to run monthly social club activities. This may include preparation/serving of afternoon tea, organising occasional outings, helping with transport lists, assisting with (infrequent) local street/store collections and other local fundraising events and periodic committee meeting attendance at the direction of the club chairman. In case of difficulties arising with normal transport arrangements for the members occasional driving duties may also be requested, though this would not be obligatory.

If you are able to help in any of the following areas we would be delighted to hear from you:

- Bracknell Club** – Meetings held on the last **Thursday** afternoon most months.
- Wokingham Club** – Meetings held on the first **Tuesday** afternoon most months.
- Langley Club** – Meetings held on the second **Monday** afternoon most months.
- Newbury Club** – Meetings held on the fourth **Tuesday** afternoon most months.
- Thatcham Club** – Meetings held on the second **Tuesday** afternoon most months.

Key Skills

Empathy	You will need to be empathetic to the needs of our visually impaired (and predominantly elderly) club members
Communication skills	You will need to be a good communicator, in particular a good listener, with lots of patience and understanding
Committed	Regular commitment (at least monthly) is needed for this role
Driver	It would be advantageous if you hold a driving license and have use of your own car in case of need

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 periodic 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 from time to time where appropriate.

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

Out of pocket travel expenses may be claimed.