

## Volunteer roles

Blythe House Hospicecare relies on the support of volunteers in four key areas:

- Patient/client services – in-house at the Blythe House Hospicecare Community Hub
- Patient/client services - Community volunteers for both Blythe House Hospicecare and Helen's Trust
- Retail
- Fundraising

Training, orientation and support is provided for all of our volunteering roles.

### **Patient/client services at the Blythe House Hospicecare Community Hub**

Exciting opportunities for volunteers with a wide range of skills and talents are available at the Community Hub! We encourage anyone to contact us, who is comfortable supporting people impacted by a life-limiting illness, and who would enjoy a varied day. The role supports our patients, carers and staff by assisting with all aspects of our service delivery including, but not limited to, reception, catering, complementary therapy, transport, companionship, gardening, maintenance and administration.

### **Patient/clients services – Community volunteers**

The community volunteer programme is designed to enhance and expand the support that Blythe House and Helen's Trust provides to our community, especially to patients wishing to be supported in their own home. Community volunteers offer companionship, phone support, transportation, and respite breaks for patients, family members and carers. This role is varied to meet patient/family needs. Requests can be for practical and/or emotional support. Tasks may include shopping, running errands, gardening, dog walking, or simply 'being there' so a carer can rest.

### **Retail activities**

This role is very varied and includes sorting, pricing and displaying donated stock, helping and serving customers at our four hospice charity shops in Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, New Mills and Whaley Bridge. We also have opportunities for collections and delivery volunteer assistants at our Whaley Bridge department store; ideal for anyone who is happy to lift and shift items of furniture and help with collections and deliveries.

### **Fundraising**

Blythe House Hospicecare is a charity that relies on 80% of its income through fundraising, including events, donations, regular giving and gifts lefts in wills. You could get involved in helping the hospice to raise these much-needed funds, to be able to provide free care and services to local people. Volunteer roles include

assisting with the planning and organisation of events; distributing posters and leaflets across our local community; managing our collection pots, that raise over £10,000 per year in local businesses and other organisations; supporting our communications team with drafting content for social media, newsletters or appeals. You could help with community fundraising, including meeting local people who wish to support the hospice, and saying thank you for their generosity, or perhaps you might like to help with administrative duties such as database inputting, and supporting our donor communications. If you would like to gain experience, or share your skills with us, we'd be delighted to hear from you!

**To find out more about any of our volunteering opportunities, call:  
01298 816990 or email: [volunteering@blythehouse.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@blythehouse.co.uk)**