



Volunteer Title: Volunteer Reader	Reports To: Whiteley Care Home - Activity Department
Last Updated: March 2017	Interested email: volunteers@whiteleyvillage.org.uk

Whiteley Village, near Walton on Thames, is set in 225 acres of beautiful Surrey woodland. The Village provides homes to nearly 500 older people of limited means and is managed by The Whiteley Homes Trust (registered charity 1103056).

**General Responsibilities:**

A reader offers empathetic, reliable and supportive visits to a Whiteley resident and can read to residents one to one or in a group.

**Key Duties:**

- To offer warm, friendly companionship, support and encouragement during each visit. Read to resident one - one a variety of material

**Essential Skills:**

- To always demonstrate a caring and compassionate attitude
- To be a good listener
- To respect the residents. privacy and understand the need for confidentiality
- To be able to read a variety of material and have a chat about it

**Desired Attributes:**

- A desire to work with older people
- Interested in other people
- Interest in current reading material

**Rewards:**

- Induction and ongoing training deemed necessary for your role
- Opportunity to develop new skills and meet new people
- The knowledge you are making a significant difference to a resident of Whiteley Village
- Whiteley Village can provide a reference to prospective employers
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation events

**Volunteer Hours:**

This position is of a voluntary nature and your availability for undertaking the role will be agreed in advance with your supervisor. Usually, however, it would comprise a @1-2 hour ongoing weekly or fortnightly commitment