

# New Welfare Volunteers Needed!

Could you give up a few hours each year to visit or contact NewstrAid beneficiaries?

We are looking for people to join our invaluable team of Welfare Volunteers across the country.

**“I enjoy being a Welfare Volunteer as it gives me the opportunity to give something back.”**



## THE ROLE OF THE WELFARE VOLUNTEER

Our Welfare Volunteers are people, typically associated with the newstrade, who visit and telephone our existing beneficiaries and new applicants on our behalf. NewstrAid beneficiaries are people who have been employed in the sale or distribution of newspapers and magazines in the UK but who now face hardship for a variety of reasons.

Welfare Volunteers are the human face of NewstrAid and their work enables us to provide a more personal welfare service which sets us apart from other similar organisations. This is a rewarding and essential role and full training is given in advance including a comprehensive induction pack and the opportunity to attend regular volunteer catch ups and an annual volunteer lunch.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

- Time to complete a short induction training process
- Time to visit or call beneficiaries at least once a year (but ideally more often)
- A willingness to chat and listen
- Empathy for those going through a tough time
- The ability to observe and assess through asking questions
- The ability to report clearly to Head Office following a visit
- Respect for the people you visit
- A background in the newstrade (preferable but not essential)

“Being able to make a difference has given me lots of pleasure and satisfaction...if you think the role could suit you I would certainly recommend having a try.”

## If your employer offers volunteer days, why not use these to support NewstrAid as a Welfare Volunteer?

Our Welfare Volunteers typically contact their beneficiaries 2 - 3 times a year providing a service which is valued by the people we support just as much as the financial assistance they receive.

In addition, all our Welfare Volunteers are DBS checked to help ensure our beneficiaries are safe. Expenses are reimbursed.

**For more information on what is involved in being a Welfare Volunteer please visit our website [www.newstraid.org.uk](http://www.newstraid.org.uk) or contact the welfare team on 01279 879569.**

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