Community Action Project
Befriending Volunteer
Community Action Partner
Southern Housing Group

Aim: Our mission is to unlock the potential of people and places. We’ve been doing this since 1901, when our founder Samuel Lewis bequeathed £670,000 (equivalent to £30 million today) to provide housing for the poor. We achieve this by: developing quality, affordable housing, improving the neighbourhoods where our residents live, developing a range of rent and home ownership opportunities, and investing in our staff, our residents and our legacy.

Role: Befriending older residents who don’t have a large social network. For those who have mobility problems, helping them with shopping and other everyday activities.

Training: A meeting with the volunteer informally between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. Things covered would include: tour of the scheme, observing client confidentiality, what to do in an emergency, resident expectations and discussing any communication/mobility difficulties the particular resident has.

Location: Englefield Green

Times: Anytime, but in general terms daylight hours would be preferable for the residents (e.g. 9am-7pm). However each resident will have different preferences.

DBS: A DBS disclosure will be required via the Community Partner.