

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>South Bucks Hospice Community Champion</b>
<b>Time commitment</b>	<b>Flexible</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wherever you live or work</b>

South Bucks Hospice is a day hospice supporting patients suffering from a life-threatening or life-limiting illness through the provision of specialist palliative care.

At South Bucks Hospice we help people to live well and improve their quality of life, despite being diagnosed with a life-limiting or life-threatening illness and specialise in supporting people from the early stages of their journey through ill-health.

### South Bucks Hospice Community Champion: Role and Purpose

South Bucks Hospice has a small staff team and needs help from its friends and supporters to spread awareness about South Bucks Hospice in the local area, building relationships and connections and increasing our reach. We are hoping to recruit volunteer 'Hospice Community Champions' across South Bucks to help us achieve these goals. The aim of the role is:

1. **To help raise awareness** about the wide range of care and support we provide to those suffering from a life-threatening or life-limiting illness with the aim of improving quality of life, educating people in our community about hospice care, helping to spread knowledge and improve lives.
2. **To build relationships and connections** for South Bucks Hospice, inspiring people in our community to become involved in our fundraising initiatives or to volunteer thus helping to raise funds for the hospice.

The activities of this role are varied and will range from attending events, representing us and talking about the charity's work, through to dropping in leaflets and posters with local organisations, encouraging and inspiring others to get involved in fundraising and volunteering. This is a really important role as it helps us to reach new patients in our community, encourage further involvement, build community networks, inspire new activity, and thank our friends, volunteers, and supporters for the work they are doing.

### Role Description

#### Raising Awareness of South Bucks Hospice, sharing information about the range of care and support we can provide and building support networks (materials will be provided)

- **Engaging:** Reaching out to local organisations and community bodies.
- **Visiting:** Attending events and responding to invitations to give presentations and talk about the work of South Bucks Hospice
- **Relationship Building:** To inspire people to support us through volunteering and fundraising and thanking supporters for their contribution
- **Representing:** Making conversation with members of the public and answering questions about the charity, sharing South Bucks Hospice's messages and representing the charity in a professional manner.
- **Fundraising:** Promoting fundraising initiatives and activities within the community, inspiring others to take action locally to support the hospice.



### **Benefits to the Hospice Community Champion:**

There are a host of ways that you, as a volunteer, will benefit from being a South Bucks Hospice Community Champion.

- You will meet new people and become part of the South Bucks Hospice community
- You will be contributing to the growth and development of South Bucks Hospice
- You will gain a sense of satisfaction and pride for helping to make a valuable difference
- You will gain new skills and experiences
- We will be happy to provide a reference for future employers

### **Who are you?**

- You will be a personable, enthusiastic and approachable individual
- You will have initiative, drive and determination
- You, or one of your loved ones, may have been affected by a life-limiting or life-threatening, though this isn't a necessity

### **What can you expect?**

We value the amazing support our volunteers give us and want to give you the best start in your new role. We will do this by providing:

- An induction session to introduce you to the charity, recognising your skills and identifying any ongoing support you may need from us to fulfil the role
- A presentation and resource pack to share with your community as and when needed
- A designated point of contact for support and guidance, when needed
- Reimbursement of agreed out-of-pocket expenses e.g. travelling to and from a meeting venue
- A Volunteer Newsletter and/or fun group catch-ups during monthly meetings either by Zoom or, if possible, we would love to meet with you in person

### **Time commitment**

This is a flexible role to suit your availability.

### **Applications and Next Steps**

We are keen to engage with all members of our community so please email [volunteers@sbhospice.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@sbhospice.org.uk) to express your interest in the role and we will arrange an informal meeting.