Charity registration number 1124381

**Contact details** 

Office and out of hours on 01388 763501

or contact Jim or Margaret Welch on 01388 764528

> Email: blindlifeindurham @googlemail.com

Website: www.blindlifeindurham.org.uk Do you have some time to spare on weekdays or weekends?

Are you looking to gain new skills?

Have you skills you would like to use?

Would you like to volunteer?

Please read inside to find out more about volunteering opportunities with Blind Life in Durham Volunteer drivers

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> F.R.C.S (Ophthalmic Surgeon)

### What do we do?

- We are a friendly pro-active group of blind and partially sighted people. We meet on a regular basis for social and sport activities.
- \* We provide services such as a monthly newsletter in print and audio format, days out and arranging a holiday at an Action for Blind People hotel, computer support, Skype chat groups, a cookery book in alternative formats. We continuously strive to be an excellent source of help to our members through these and other services.
- We also provide and take part in awareness raising events throughout the year. Please look at our website to see what will be on this year..

We believe all volunteers bring something valuable to Blind Life, not just their skills and abilities. They are an integral part of how the charity runs on a day to day basis and how we will grow as a charity.

#### What do I need as a volunteer driver?

You will need a full British driving Licence. You will also need insurance cover and you must contact your insurer about volunteer driving cover.

## What about a Criminal Record Board Certificate?

Yes you will need one. We will provide and pay for this.

#### What about the condition of my car?

Your car needs to have a current MOT Certificate and be roadworthy.

#### What about training?

You must complete blind awareness training before you start your volunteering. This will be provided free by Blind Life in Durham and is a hands -on short instruction with a blind person and a trained volunteer using your own car. This is a valuable life skill to learn.

#### What about references?

You will need a character reference.

# What do you do with the information you have about me?

This will be held securely. We will keep information that is relevant to your role as volunteer under the terms of the Data Protection Act.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Blind Life in Durham. Our contact details are overleaf.

#### My notes: