Community Group Secretary

Blood cancer UK



Why volunteer at Blood Cancer UK?

We started because of Susan; we'll get there because of you.

Blood Cancer UK was started by one family who lost their daughter, Susan, to blood cancer, and that history and sense of family continues to shape who we are today. When you join Blood Cancer UK, you don't just become a volunteer – you become part of a collaborative community dedicated to funding research into beating blood cancer that includes some of the most inspiring people you'll ever meet.

And we're not that far away from beating blood cancer. We're confident we can do it within the next generation, and this makes us hugely ambitious and gives us a sense of real urgency. It also means we're changing quickly as an organisation as we constantly challenge ourselves and strive to become more and more effective.

Blood Cancer UK offers the chance to volunteer alongside, and support people affected by blood cancer, while providing opportunities to develop new skills, take on exciting challenges, and make a meaningful impact.

What do we do?

Fund world-class research

Raise awareness of blood cancer

Since 1960 we have invested more than **£500 million in blood cancer research in the UK**. Where we've invested, survival rates and quality of life have improved.

You can read more about what we do on our website here: <u>About Blood Cancer UK</u>

Provide information and support to patients and their loved ones "This is such a good place to volunteer. I'm learning every day and feel like I'm adding value."

Jude, Ambassador

About the role:

Every year, over 40,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with blood cancer. Research is key to better treatments, improved care, and, ultimately, a cure—and our Community Groups play a vital role in making this happen.

We're growing our Community Groups across the UK, reaching more people and strengthening our support for those affected by blood cancer. As a Community Group Secretary, you'll play a key role in keeping your group organised, informed, and running smoothly.

Key activities:

As Community Group Secretary, you'll help keep things on track by:

- Sharing updates from Blood Cancer UK with your group
- Taking and sharing meeting notes
- Thanking donors and contacting local supporters
- Using our templates to create posters and leaflets
- Helping the Group Lead plan and run fundraising events
- Promoting Blood Cancer UK locally

You'll receive full training and support to feel confident in the role.

Location of the role:

This role will support your local blood cancer community group, wherever you feel you can make the most impact.

About you - what skills, experience and qualities will you need for the role?:

We're looking for someone who is:

- Organised and reliable You enjoy keeping things running smoothly.
- A good communicator You're comfortable sharing information and keeping people updated.
- Detail-focused You can take notes and follow up on actions.
- Friendly and approachable You enjoy working with others and being part of a team.

How you will make a difference:

By hosting a collection, you'll help fund life-saving research to develop cures, improve treatment, and prevent blood cancer. Every event brings us closer to beating blood cancer, and every penny counts:

- £150 analyses 120 blood cell samples, driving breakthroughs.
- £210 provides expert information to everyone diagnosed today.
- £500 funds a research nurse for three days, supporting patients through treatment.

Your support helps us reach more people, faster — and changes lives.

How much time will you need to give?:

This role is completely flexible—you can give as much or as little time as you're able to. Typically, it might involve a few hours a month

"Volunteering here will be THE best thing you ever doyou'll become part of the most amazing, supportive family."

Gayle, Community Group Lead

Benefits of volunteering with Blood Cancer UK

Connect with others

Network with other volunteers who share your commitment

Develop new skills

Gain valuable experience and learn new skills

Make a difference

Help improve the lives of people affected by blood cancer

Expense reimbursement

Get reimbursed for pre-arranged volunteer activity expenses Ongoing support

Receive continuous support from your Volunteer Point of Contact

Be part of a friendly, passionate, and dedicated community

Join a

supportive

team

Boost your wellbeing

Enjoy improved confidence and personal growth

Inclusive, respectful environment

> Join a diverse organisation where you are valued

Represent Blood Cancer UK

Be an ambassador in your community

> Receive regular updates showing the difference your Support makes

See your

impact

Access to training

Benefit from an online Volunteer Information Centre for induction and ongoing training



Register your interest

If you find a role that interests you, please complete our volunteer enquiry form on the Volunteer page of our website: <u>Register your interest to volunteer</u> or contact the Volunteer Team, by phone at 0207 504 2275 or by email at <u>volunteering@bloodcancer.org.uk</u>. We are available between 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, bringing a wide range of skills, experiences, and personal connections to blood cancer from across the UK.

We want everyone involved with us to feel respected, supported, safe, and able to give their best, no matter their background or identity.

We understand that the way we work impacts who can join us and how they experience being part of Blood Cancer UK. That's why we're committed to being equitable and inclusive, ensuring everyone feels welcome and supported throughout their journey with us.

To achieve this, we know we must keep reflecting on and improving how we work. We're always open to feedback on how we can better live out our values.