



THE BTPF COMPANION GROUP

The BTPF, working in collaboration with the BLG , and under the supervisions of Jigsaw Home Care Limited (a registered care provider in Mansfield) would like to facilitate a companionship service to BTPF beneficiaries who may be older or experiencing loneliness. To begin with, this is a pilot scheme for the benefit of beneficiaries based in the Mansfield area. However, with demand from beneficiaries and recruitment of Volunteer Befrienders from further afield, the BTPF would like to roll the project out nationwide.

Would you benefit from a befriender?

Perhaps you live alone and feel isolated? Perhaps you have had a change in circumstances that prevent you from socialising like you once did? Perhaps you want to go out but you have lost your confidence and just need a helping hand to go to the local park, café or shop?

A trained, Volunteer Befriender can visit you at home on a regular basis and provide you with the company and conversation you need. The Volunteer Befriender can also accompany you on trips out in the local community and help you participate in local activities.

What is more, is that the Volunteer Befriender is also a beneficiary of the BTPF. You may find it easier to talk to a familiar face and reminisce about yesteryear. You may find that the Volunteer Befriender could help put you in touch with former Mansfield Brewery colleagues and friends who you have lost touch with.

If you are interested in applying for Companion Support, please contact the BTPF office (Tel: 01623 473290 or email enquiries@bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk).

Would you like to volunteer as a befriender?

One of the ways the BTPF would like to help beneficiaries is to offer a companionship service, to support beneficiaries to live a happy and fulfilling life and improve wellbeing.

To do this, **we need your help** and we are currently recruiting Volunteer Befrienders who can support beneficiaries based in the Mansfield area.

By volunteering as a befriender, you can provide support to a fellow BTPF beneficiary, by visiting them in their own home and helping them access the local community.

Sue Walters is a member of the BLG and has been instrumental in setting up the Companionship Project. Sue has been trained as BTPF's very first Volunteer Befriender and is now helping to build an active pool of Volunteer Befrienders.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Befriender please contact the BTPF office (Tel: 01623 473290 or email enquiries@bailythomasprovidentfund.org.uk) or Sue Walters (Tel: 07803697183 or email susanwalters56sw@gmail.com).