



ElderLink

Visiting Scheme



***Bringing hope and comfort to
older people in Birmingham***

Visiting Scheme - who is it for?

- Adults over 65 in the areas surrounding Acocks Green (within B25, B26, B27 and B28 postcodes)
- The housebound, socially isolated or recently bereaved
- People who may lack confidence after an illness or a spell in hospital

How does the scheme work?

Following referral, members of our team will visit the scheme member to tell them more about the service, to find out more about them, and answer any questions they may have. We will then visit during the day once a month. We offer our services free of charge.

Who are the Visiting Team?

Our team consists of staff and volunteers who are checked using established safeguarding processes. This includes a DBS check.

What will our visitors do when they visit?

They will chat to get to know the scheme member better and offer encouragement and a kind, listening ear. They may bring activities along such as crafts, pictures or quizzes. They cannot run errands, do housework or help with medication. The visitors will offer to read the Bible and pray with the scheme member which they can accept or politely decline. Scheme members can opt out at any time.



Scheme members have said:

'I have someone to talk to. I feel that you are friends and you are with me.'

'It is a lovely way of keeping in touch with the outside world.'

'It means a lot to my mother and our family. She can talk to the visitors in ways that she doesn't talk to us. It's very relaxed.'

'Conversation, company, folks who understand and listen.'

'Nice to have company for an hour. Someone keeping an eye on you and thinking about you. You do appreciate it.'

Who are Birmingham City Mission?

Birmingham City Mission was established in 1966 and exists to show God's love across Britain's second city. We share the Christian message in the city centre and the community, and we run projects which bring practical help and hope to the young and old, the homeless and people struggling to make ends meet. We are a Christian charity but offer our services to those of all faiths and none.

Interested?

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