

Becoming a Welfare Volunteer for NewstrAid

The process for becoming a Welfare Volunteer for NewstrAid is simple:

- 1. Complete our Registration form: to do this click here
- Have a quick welcome chat with a member of our staff:
 once the above form is completed, NewstrAid's Welfare
 Manager or one of the team will have a quick chat with you.



- 3. Complete a DBS check: We require all our volunteers to have a DBS check. Telephone volunteers will be asked to complete a basic check and those visiting beneficiaries in person will need to complete an enhanced check. This is managed and paid for by NewstrAid. A link for Ucheck, our umbrella DBS check company, will be emailed to you please ensure you complete this when it arrives.
- 4. Attend a short online training session: Our training sessions last no more than 1 hour and are usually carried out via Zoom. This helps volunteers understand the processes we use at NewstrAid and also covers Data Protection and Safeguarding information. At the end of the session you will be asked to complete two affidavits to confirm you have attended and understood the content. Dates for current sessions can be found on our Eventbrite page and you will need to book onto a session in advance, so we know to expect you. We add new dates regularly, so do check back if none of the current dates work for you.
- 5. **Send us a headshot (home visits only)** If you are volunteering to visit beneficiaries in person you will need an ID badge so that the people you visit know you are from NewstrAid. We therefore ask for a headshot to include on your badge.

Once the above steps are completed, we will discuss with you how many beneficiaries you can manage and will send over the relevant information so that you can start your role as a Welfare Volunteer. In the meantime, have a look at our <u>website</u> for further information on the Welfare Volunteer role. (Please note, the role used to be known as NewstrAid almoners which you may see referenced in the website content).

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