

Volunteer Driver

About Home-Start Essex

Home-Start Essex is a local independent charity that supports parents and caregivers across Mid, South, and West Essex to give children the best possible start in life. We offer compassionate, confidential, and non-judgmental support to help families feel less isolated, build confidence, and manage the challenges of parenting.

Our experienced staff and trained volunteers provide tailored support, across a number of services.

We work alongside families in their communities, building trusted relationships and helping them develop the strength and skills they need to nurture their children.

Purpose of Role

As a Volunteer Driver, you will play a vital role in supporting families across Essex. Using your own vehicle, you may provide transport for families to Family Support Groups, attend activities and/or deliver important resources for families to their homes and community locations.

How You Can Help

Depending on your interests and availability, as a Volunteer Driver, you can make a real difference as a:

Family Support Driver:

- Transporting families to Home-Start Essex Family Groups, activities, and support services across Essex
- Providing a friendly and reliable presence, helping families feel supported and connected

Delivery driver:

- Delivering important items such as food parcels, clothing, baby equipment, or household essentials to families and community locations
- Offering flexibility, choosing when and how often you volunteer based on your availability

Your support helps reduce isolation, ease daily challenges, and bring care and connection to those who need it most. The volunteering can take place across Essex, but you can specify how far and when you are prepared to drive.

All out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed by Home-Start Essex.

What We Offer – Training & Support

You will be provided with basic training by completing elements of our Volunteer Preparation Course relevant to your role. There will also be opportunities to access ongoing training. Support will be provided by our Area Lead Co-ordinators.

Benefits for You

Volunteering with Home-Start Essex is a rewarding way to give back and grow personally. You can:

- Make a real difference in the lives of local families
- Build confidence and gain valuable experience
- Boost your wellbeing through meaningful connection
- Meet new people and make lasting friendships
- Join volunteer support groups and social events
- Develop skills that can support future employment
- Feel part of a supportive, community-minded team
- Give your time and gain so much in return.