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- ☐ I am interested in receiving the Homecall service
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a Homecall volunteer
- ☐ I enclose a donation of £.....  
(Please make cheque payable to "Homecall")
- ☐ I am interested in making a regular donation
- ☐ I am considering leaving a legacy to Homecall in my will

# HOMECALL

*Supporting independence, health & welfare,  
social inclusion and relieving isolation*

## **A Voluntary Home Visiting Service for Blind & Partially Sighted people in Bexhill and surrounding areas**

Registered charity 294901  
Established in 1985



**www.myhomecall.org**  
**The Queen's Award for  
Voluntary Service 2006**

*Bexhill Achiever's Award  
Charity of the year 2006  
Volunteer of the year 2007*

**Counsel and Care 2006 Befriending and  
Support Services Certificate of Achievement**

### **About Homecall:**

Homecall was established in February 1985 to recruit, select, train and support volunteer visitors for a home visiting scheme. Our volunteers help the substantially visually impaired maintain their independence and relieve their social isolation by enabling access to the community.

Through our network of volunteers, we offer regular visits to clients once a week, to help with a variety of tasks made difficult by sight loss. The help we give typically includes facilitating outings or assisting with correspondence.

There are many ways in which visitors can help our clients to benefit from our service, but we do not offer help with personal care, cooking or housework.

Most clients who are accepted for our service are registered blind or partially sighted, although registration is not always necessary to qualify for our help.

All our visitors are carefully selected. We make a DBS check and ask for two written references. We train volunteers about the effects of poor sight to help them understand our clients' needs. Volunteer training also covers the important issue of client confidentiality. We offer our visitors ongoing support and reimburse expenses.

These are just a few examples of how we might help our clients:

- ❖ Reading and writing correspondence, newsletters and books
- ❖ Attending appointments and occasional shopping trips together
- ❖ Help with day to day financial administration
- ❖ Support to attend clubs, societies, and social events
- ❖ Help to access other services, e.g. the local blind society, Social Services or Age Concern

One of the most valued aspects of having a visitor is the opportunity for friendship and support on a regular basis. This helps increase independence and relieves isolation.

### ***About our funding:***

*Homecall provides a free service, funded entirely by grants, legacies, donations and ongoing fundraising events. We receive no statutory funding. We are forever grateful to Bexhill businesses, associations, organisations, clubs and individuals who have given so generously enabling Homecall to continue its good work. If you would like to make a donation, please use the reply slip overleaf.*