



Volunteer Information Pack

'I had a brilliant day and will certainly be back next year hopefully with some friends. The staff from Breast Cancer Care were all delightful and made me feel fully involved.' – Sarah *Pink Ribbonwalk 2011* volunteer

The *Pink Ribbonwalk* 2012

The Breast Cancer Care *Pink Ribbonwalk* in association with woman&home is a much loved walking event that is now in its eighth year. All participants fundraise a minimum of £175 for Breast Cancer Care to help fund the free services we provide. There are five *Pink Ribbonwalk* events in 2012 including our brand new Marble Hill Park event, each with a 10 or 20 mile circular route starting and finishing at a stunning location.

- **Saturday 12 May** – Scone Palace, Perth, Scotland, PH2 6BD
- **Saturday 19 May** – Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1PX
- **Saturday 26 May** – Petworth House, Petworth, West Sussex, GU28 0AE
- **Saturday 9 June** – Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, SY14 8AH
- **Saturday 16 June** – Marble Hill Park, Richmond Road, Twickenham, London, TW1 2NL

How long will I be volunteering for?

- The earliest volunteers will arrive on site for is 7.30am to help get everything ready and the last volunteers will leave site by 7pm
- You do not have to stay all day. If you can stay for longer, we may assign you more than one role. Please state the times you are available on your registration form.

What will I be provided with?

- A BBQ (if you are available to volunteer all day), water and refreshments
- Volunteer 'crew' t-shirt (please return it at the end of the day)
- High-visibility bib depending on your role
- Free parking at the venue for volunteers (you will need to bring your car park pass which we will email nearer to the date)

What skills do I need?

- Flexibility, enthusiasm and good people skills
- The ability to work as part of a team and be physically active as most roles will involve periods of standing and some lifting. Please inform us should you need a less active role.

Can you drive?

If you drive, have your own transport and are happy to drive other volunteers around the route please let us know when you register.

Can I bring a friend?

- Of course! We require over 100 volunteers at each event to ensure the day runs smoothly. Please enrol a friend to work with you on the day and ensure they fill out a registration form too.

What roles can I do?

Here are the roles that you may be asked to do on the day. If you have a preference, please state this on your registration form although we cannot guarantee everyone will be given the role they have requested.

- **Car park marshals** - Directing drivers to the drop off points and walkers in the right direction for the start, under the supervision of your team leader.
- **Registration marquee team**- A friendly face to sign-in walkers on arrival and/or as they cross the finish line and help with any questions they might have.
- **Information and gift marquee team**- Providing information on things to do in the local area and directions for friends and family of walkers. There will also be Breast Cancer Care merchandise for sale. Volunteers should have good knowledge of the local area.
- **Main marquee team**- Helping walkers swap t-shirt sizes and provide other assistance before the walk. Clear tables and manage queues for the BBQ in the afternoon.
- **Rest stop teams**- Handing out water and refreshments to all walkers when they arrive at your rest stop. Volunteers should be enthusiastic, cheerful and encouraging.
- **Course marshals**- Ensuring walkers follow the correct route and are safe, especially when crossing roads.
- **Finish line team**- Welcoming all the walkers across the finish line, handing out medals and food vouchers. Some walkers may cross the line alone, with no family waiting for them, so it is vital that they receive a warm welcome from our volunteers!
- **Minibus drivers**- Driving 15 to 17 seat minibuses. Volunteers should have a full clean driving licence with the D1 category and experience in driving the above vehicles.
- **Massage therapists**- Qualified massage therapists will be giving brief leg massages to walkers after they finish. Volunteers should be qualified, with their own insurance and equipment.
- **Entertainment**- We hope to organise some entertainment for children and adults. If you enjoy activities such as face-painting, games, cheerleading, morris dancing or you play in a band, let us know.
- **CRB checked volunteers**- Sometimes our venues require us to have a certain number of CRB checked volunteers. If you have had a CRB check in the last three years and are able to provide the relevant paperwork, please let us know on your registration form.

How do I register as a volunteer?

You need to fill out a registration form to confirm yourself as a volunteer. You can do this on our website [here](#). Final instructions will be sent via email approximately two weeks prior to the event. This will confirm arrival times, directions to the venue, your car park pass, your roles on the day and what to do when you arrive. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact Suzie on 0207 960 3509 or email rwassistant@breastcancercare.org.uk

“What a happy, inspiring, yet challenging day! It was fantastic to walk with my friends through the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside and to start and finish at Blenheim Palace was wonderful – a truly beautiful place. The event was so well organised and all the volunteers that were cheering us on at every corner and rest stop along the way were fantastic! Well done to everyone who sponsored, volunteered and of course took part. I hope to see you all there next year!” – Claire, 2011 Blenheim Palace participant