



THE BESOM in Norwich

Besom Projects group

The team will

- Be volunteer Christians who wish to serve those in need by helping with practical household and garden projects.
- Have a reference from their local church but will not have DBS checks.
- Have an aptitude for practical tasks.

What sort of tasks could we undertake?

Gardening

- Weeding
- Hedge trimming
- General clearing and tidying. Major garden clearance can present complex health and safety and disposal problems.
- Small projects – e.g. clear and lay gravel to a small front garden.
- Strimming

(At the present time we are not able to offer ongoing maintenance such as lawn mowing)

Household

- Decorating. We can offer to decorate one room. If we are working well with a client further rooms could be considered as future projects. We are not able to decorate stairwells.
- Curtain rails.
- Erecting shelves.
- Constructing flat pack furniture.
- Other minor DIY work

(We are not able to undertake any electrical or gas related work. At the present time we have no plumbing expertise in the team.)

What does the client need to do?

- Be well enough to allow two or three friendly strangers to be in their home while the work is in progress.
- Be available to let the team in and to remain while the work is done.
- For decorating the room needs to be reasonably uncluttered. The team will happily move furniture to the centre of the room but obviously need reasonable access.



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Equipment and Materials.

The team will provide all equipment and tools.

We usually supply the necessary cleaning materials as well. We can provide paint in white and magnolia. We may be able to contribute towards the cost of other paint if funds allow.

If there is a particular need to work with the client's materials we need to consider this carefully at the planning stage. Cheaper paint and curtain fixings may be problematic when used!

How does it work?

If your request is being considered by the Besom team we will ask to visit the client to look at the project. At least two members of the Besom team will attend. For some clients it may be helpful for the support worker to attend to make the introductions. We will decide if the project is feasible for our team and if so discuss materials. We can then let you and the client know whether we can take on the project and if so how we would plan to do it. Many decorating jobs are likely to require two working days and these will often be a week apart.

Safety

Besom is covered by a third party insurance policy which covers damage to clients' property and injury to project team members or third parties.

If necessary a woman will be in the team doing the initial visit for female clients. The work is likely to be done by a team of two or three who may all be men. If it is felt necessary to have a female Besom volunteer present at all times this should be agreed at the initial visit

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