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## Neighbourhood assistance marketplace

## About the project



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*The offer is aimed at both senior citizens and people who would like to help.*

In January and February 2025, the city of Bocholt's senior citizens' office organised a total of four events "Marktplatz Nachbarschaftshilfe" in cooperation with four Bocholt neighbourhood centres. As the events were very successful, the "Marktplatz Nachbarschaftshilfe" will now be held regularly.

The events are aimed at **senior citizens with a care degree** who would like to make good use of their monthly relief allowance of 131 euros, as well as **young people and adults** who would like to get involved in neighbourhood help.

# What is the "Marketplace Neighbourhood Help"?



We would like to give interested senior citizens with a care degree and interested neighbourhood helpers the opportunity to get to know each other at the event without obligation and, if necessary, to conclude an agreement for accompaniment and support in everyday life.

## Programme of the event

Christian Tewiele, Head of the Senior Citizens, Volunteering, Care and Pensions Division of the City of Bocholt, will first present the key information and framework conditions for neighbourhood assistance (§ 11 AnFöVO).

Afterwards, senior citizens and neighbourhood helpers will get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee, cold drinks and cake or sandwiches. If there is a match and a "couple" is found, further meetings can be arranged and the personal framework conditions can be set out together in writing. Of course, (caring) relatives who are looking for support with caring are also welcome.

## What can senior citizens expect?



Senior citizens who would like support or companionship in everyday life can find suitable neighbourhood help on this afternoon. Whether you need help with shopping, playing board games, going for a walk together, a lift to the doctor or a little help around the house - there are many ways to find helping hands.

The expense allowance for neighbourhood help can be financed in full from the care insurance fund's relief amount, so that there are no costs for you. If you did not claim the amount in the previous year, you can even claim the relief amount retroactively.

## What can interested neighbourhood helpers expect?



Anyone who would like to make good use of their time and accompany senior citizens in their everyday lives and provide support when needed should not miss the "Marketplace Neighbourhood Help".

Neighbourhood helpers also receive an expense allowance for their support, which is tax-free up to €131 *per* month per person supported, whereby a maximum of two people can be supported tax-free.

The amount of the expense allowance per hour can be freely negotiated, but may not exceed the minimum wage. This is a good way to get involved in social work and supplement your pocket money or household budget. It is important to note that the neighbourhood helpers must not be related to the person being cared for up to the second degree by blood or marriage.

## When and where is the next event taking place?

When?

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 at 4 pm

Where?

Bocholt Feldmark West neighbourhood, Werther Straße 149, 46395 Bocholt

## Register for the event free of charge

For better planning, please register for the events at the Bocholt senior citizens' office. The Seniors' Office is also available to answer any questions you may have about the events:

Tel. +492871 953-2234 or 953-2342 Email: [seniorenbuero\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:seniorenbuero(at)bocholt(dot)de)

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## Useful links and information

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- [!\[\]\(e615ca91639aee4263e67e1cc9ac86eb\_img.jpg\) Neighbourhood assistance in the Borken district](#)
  - [!\[\]\(ff4f02ee9868b6fc73231e11f2af1336\_img.jpg\) Neighbourhood help guide in the Borken district](#)
  - [!\[\]\(2c512f6d45b5b9000034f14c33e38a8d\_img.jpg\) Information brochure: "Neighbourhood assistance" from the care insurance fund](#)
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## Free course on neighbourhood assistance

If you are interested, you can also attend a free, **six-hour course** offered by various providers in Bocholt, where you can learn about

- The role of the neighbourhood helper
- Basic attitude towards people in need of care
- Impairments associated with the need for care
- voluntary work
- Helpful handout

and network with other neighbourhood helpers.

[Click here for the courses offered by the Borken district](#) ↗

### The next courses in Bocholt and the surrounding area:

**Caritas registration:** Caritasverband Bocholt Tel.: 02871/25131205

**Registration L-i-A e.V.:** Verein Leben im Alter, 02871/2046703 or [isondermann\(at\)l-i-a\(dot\)de](mailto:isondermann(at)l-i-a(dot)de)

### Dates:

19.06.2026 Caritas Centre, Nordwall 44-46, 46399 Bocholt, 9 am - 2 pm

21.07.2026 Gudula Monastery Rhede, Klostergarten 2, 46414 Rhede, 9 am - 2 pm

29.08.2026 L-i-A e.V. Breslauerstr. 2, 46397 Bocholt, 9 am - 2 pm

19.09.2026 L-i-A e.V. Breslauerstr. 2, 46397 Bocholt, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

16.10.2026 Caritas Centre, Nordwall 44-46, 46399 Bocholt, 9 am - 2 pm

10.11.2026 Gudula Monastery Rhede, Klostergarten 2, 46414 Rhede, 9 am - 2 pm

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