

Christmas 2017

# Stokesley and District Community Care Association Newsletter

## A word from our manager

### Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter



All our services continue to thrive and with us “taking on” the Richmondshire car scheme drivers, we have more volunteers than ever !

Our recent decision to take on the day centre has been another big step in supporting those in need in the local community and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and commitment.

Fundraising has gone well this year, with support from The CO-OP, Stokesley Rotary and the Masonic lodge as well as several other groups/individuals ensuring we remain financially “strong”.

I would also like to thank all our volunteers (who are CO-OP members) who had CCA down as their chosen charity - we will be finding out shortly how much money has been raised by this initiative. Please check out our facebook page for up to date information !

Our Volunteer Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 12th December—see the flyer enclosed for more information.

On behalf of all at Community Care I would like to wish you the very best over the festive season and a Happy New Year.

Phil Henderson (Manager)



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## Christmas Opening Dates and Times

The CCA closes it's doors for the Christmas break at  
**5pm on Friday 22nd December**  
(The same day as our fundraising event)  
re-opening at  
**9am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.**

### Thank you and goodbye!

**Virginia Gibson**

Driver

**Dave Sedgwick**

Minibus Driver

**Luke Banfield**

Student PrimeTime helper

**Peter Stevens**

Driver

**Anne Thomas**

Driver

**Heather Marsden**

Respite Sitter



### New Flyers

You will have received, along with your invite to this years Christmas Lunch, a couple of our newly produced flyers.

Firstly we hope you like them! And secondly, we hope that you might be able to help us by passing them onto someone who might consider volunteering with us.

We believe that most of our volunteers are gained through 'word of mouth' and so who better to help us than you!!

Please encourage anyone to get in touch if they are interested and we can have a chat with them

Thanks for your support.

### A Big Thank You

*"I am writing to thank you for providing a volunteer car and driver to take my 90 year old mother to hospital for an appointment. My mum was offered an appointment at short notice by the eye clinic but unfortunately I was out of the area so unable to take her. You quickly organised for a driver to take my mum, who even sat in the waiting area with her which was also much appreciated. My mum was thrilled with the service and I am very impressed with how quickly and efficiently everything was organised - Many thanks to you all."*

Received from a happy relative .

## Community Care Day Centre



As most of you will know the Alzheimer's society closed their day centre which was based at our premises on the 27th September.

We had some consultation with senior managers of the society before this date in an attempt to postpone the closure, but were unsuccessful.

It was then decided by our Trustees that CCA would take up where the Alzheimer's society left off.....

From the 2nd October we started our own day centre, operating two days a week, and supporting the same clients/carers that had attended the Alzheimer's day centre.

We have now employed 3 members of staff to run the day centre, our manager being previously employed by Alzheimer's society until she was made redundant on the closure of their centre.

I am delighted to inform you that the day centre is going well. The Volunteers who previously supported the day centre transferred over to the CCA and we have also recruited further volunteers.

Overall a real success, thanks to the staff and volunteers and the continued support of the carers and clients benefiting from the service. Hopefully the centre will go from strength to strength .



Some of the team:

From left to right: Zoe (volunteer) Sam (Staff) Amelia (Staff)  
Derek (Volunteer) and Angela (Staff)

## A Busy Year for us!

In May this year (just after the last newsletter went out) we took over the complete running of Richmondshire Car Scheme. We have been managing the day to day logistics of the car journeys for Richmondshire for around two years but the recruiting and management of the volunteers remained with RCVS.



Due to changes in funding across North Yorkshire, the Richmondshire Community Voluntary Service (RCVS) closed down in April. We stepped in on the request of RCVS and NYCC to manage the volunteers and future recruitment, in order that the scheme could stay up and running.

So, we have welcomed 43 volunteer drivers to the charity .

The Richmondshire car scheme is similar to our own – prioritising medical/health related drives, but the size of the area covered is immense!

Jane, Kathleen and Elaine have had a steep learning curve over the last couple of years exploring the geography of Richmondshire!



## Christmas Fundraising event:

On Friday 22nd December we will be holding our main **fundraising event** of the year at the Town Hall (9am to 2pm) As well as our usual refreshments we are holding a tombola and cake stall.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the tombola and cake stall as well as baking the cakes. If you have anything suitable for tombola prizes we would be grateful.

*Please let us know if you can help*

