

Christmas 2018

Stokesley and District Community Care Association Newsletter

A word from our manager

Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter

All our services continue to thrive, thanks to the commitment and dedication of Staff, Trustees and Volunteers. Our Day Centre has now been open for over 12 months and has proved a great success.

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

Our Charities governance is changing formally on the 1st December 2018, when we will be operating as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) charity no. 1178776. The only change you will see is that the charity number on our correspondence/leaflets etc will change. Everything else stays the same, but the change was needed . (It’s 30 years since we first started and we must move with the times !)

Our Volunteer Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 14th 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.



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Christmas Opening Dates and Times

The CCA closes its doors for the Christmas break at
4pm Monday 24th December 2018
Re-opening
9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Thank you and goodbye!

Anne Smith	PrimeTime & Passenger assist
Pat Crabtree	Befriender
John Leeman	Trustee
Val Walker	Driver
Kath Murray	Trustee
Sue Parten	Befriender

Students:

Megan Ashurst	Befriender
Beth Johnson	Befriender
Tomos Plant	Befriender



A reminder to inform your car insurance company that you are a volunteer car driver.

This should not increase your premium or change your policy at all, but we believe it is important that your insurance company make a note of this on your policy.

*Martin, one of our volunteer minibus drivers, is the local face of a North Yorkshire County Council campaign called **Go Local***

It is an appeal for volunteers to join community transport schemes throughout North Yorkshire.



Community Care Day Centre One year on....



The Day Centre has gone from strength to strength.

We now have 9 clients over the two days the centre is open (6 attending both days).

The Day Centre staff are supported by 8 volunteers, providing a wide variety of activities and games to help keep everyone entertained and stimulated.

We continue to receive donations from both local groups and individuals to support the centre.

The first anniversary celebrations included entertainment from two local musicians Ken Braithwaite and Peter Howes and of course a cake !

Great fun was had by all.....

Some of the Staff and Volunteers at the Celebrations.

Sam, Meral, Amelia, Doreen and Fran.



Befriending:

As you can see we have lost a number of befrienders recently and have a waiting list.

Do you have a hour to spare occasionally or a friend who may be able to help ?

It is very rewarding ! Please give the office a ring and ask to speak to Sarah.

Christmas Fundraising event:

On **Friday 21st 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

Youth is a wonderful thing.
What a crime to waste it on
children. ~George Bernard Shaw



Which is why we welcome young people to volunteer with us!

This Summer we have had four young people who have volunteered with us in our Day Centre, Lunch Club & Chairaerobics sessions, during their summer breaks from University or College.

Throughout the year we welcome Sixth Form students to join our team, by contacting our Volunteer Centre, we can find them a suitable volunteering role – helping them to gain real experience before they head off to their chosen careers. They help in many of our services and are a real asset and bring a lot of cheer to our service users.

We find that young people and older people really click given the opportunity – these are just some of the words and thoughts of our young volunteers.....

I am sad to be leaving, but just a few words to say it's been really rewarding coming in to help at the day centre, the staff and volunteers do an amazing job and I've loved learning about each person and hearing the memories of everyone at the centre! *Katie.*

Thank you so much for the fabulous opportunity the service has given me for the last 2 years - I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits and have sent Mrs Stanley (head of sixth form) an email to read out to current students to raise awareness in the volunteer centre. Since I joined as a befriender two years ago, I have met some wonderful people from whom I've learnt a huge amount which I will take forwards into my future career. I'm very grateful to them, and to the volunteer centre for the opportunity and have recommended joining the service to other sixth formers who want to give something back to their local community and make new friends at the same time! Thanks again

Jess.

