

Woodcote Volunteers

We are well into spring now and busier than ever, so if you would like to join our team of drivers, we would love to hear from you! All the necessary details about us and how to get in touch are at the bottom of this article.

We are very fortunate to have two new volunteers joining us, Ruth and Neil, who will be a great addition to our service in the months and years to come. If you use our service and come across them, please give a warm welcome!

Annual General Meeting

We are holding our AGM on **Wednesday 19th April at 7pm** in the Pavillion Room at Woodcote Village Hall. This is open to our members and the public, so please, if you are interested in what we do and would like to join us, you are very welcome. We are serving light refreshments and in addition to our normal business of the meeting, we have two speakers lined up. They are Louise Haylett, our wellbeing worker attached to the Woodcote Medical Practice and Nicky Paris, the Oxfordshire Good Neighbour Scheme co-ordinator. They will be giving extremely informative, useful and interesting accounts of what they do and how they, and we, can help our local communities. It would be very helpful for the purposes of catering, to know how many people will be attending, so please call our office on 01491 681171 if you are planning to join us.

Useful information for our clients

From April, Woodcote Volunteers will be providing all our drivers with information that will be of particular use to the residents we serve in Woodcote and surrounding villages, who are, typically, quite isolated and not necessarily connected to the internet. Our clients sometimes don't know what help or services are available to them, so drivers will be able to disseminate this information as and when it is needed. For example, Age UK offer a free tablet on loan to anyone elderly who is not connected to the internet and they also provide a dongle, which will allow internet access. Additionally they can find a "tech buddy" to help that person learn how to use the device.

TO FINISH.....

As usual, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to give us a call on **01491 681171**. Our drivers are available to take you to health related, social or recreational appointments, a local shop and we can collect prescriptions. Just give us a call if you are not sure if we can take you somewhere!

Please give us as much notice as possible before the date you need us. One of our friendly office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and you can leave a message on the answerphone at other times.

Find out more about us by looking at our website: <u>www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk</u>

Or visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers