



Woodcote Volunteers

Boost to volunteer driver numbers

A big thank you to the Correspondent for putting us front page last month. We have had a tremendous response and have reached our goal of having a minimum of 40 volunteer drivers. In fact, when all are in place, we should have about 45 drivers, which is absolutely brilliant and a credit to the residents of Woodcote and surrounding villages who give so much – kindness, time and talent. A huge thank you again, to all our drivers, office team and others who support us.

Are you available to do a regular, local drive?

We are looking for one or two people to help us on a Tuesday morning each week. Two of our lovely clients would like to go to Goring Day Centre, to enable them to get out to socialise, which they would not be able to do without our assistance. They both live in Woodcote and need to be collected about 9.15am and taken to Goring, then picked up and returned home at 1pm. Whether you can do one of the journeys or both, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our secretary by email on info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk and leave your phone number. Thank you.

Rally donation

We are also very fortunate to have been the recipient of a very generous donation from Woodcote Rally. Thank you – we are very grateful. We asked for funds to help us purchase hardware and set up an electronic booking system, which will automatically send out emails to our drivers when help is needed. It will improve our efficiency and help us to provide an even better service to our clients. The system should be up and running in December.

Co-op Fund

The good news keeps on coming.....The Co-op have chosen Woodcote Volunteers to benefit from their Community Fund. If you are a Co-op member, please select us as your nominated charity by logging in to your account and searching for Community Fund or Choose a Local Cause. Then, if you purchase any Co-op branded product, we receive a percentage of that price from the Co-op. If you are not a Co-op member but would like to support us, you could become a Co-op member! If you would like to make a donation some other way, please see our website for more information.

Message to clients

We would be very grateful if you could try to give as much notice to us as possible if you need a driver. We do get very booked up and don't want to let you down. At least three days' notice if you could, please. Thank you.

Christmas Social

We are meeting at the Red Lion in Woodcote on Wednesday, 13th December at 7pm for an informal pre-Christmas drink. If anyone interested in joining us as a volunteer driver would like to come along to join us and find out more, you are very welcome.

TO FINISH.....

We are sorry to say goodbye to Chris Bergmann, a valued volunteer driver for several years who is moving out of the area. We say thank you and wish him well for the future.

We extend a warm welcome to our new volunteer drivers, Brian, Camilla, Alison, Frances and Angela. Thank you for offering to help and we know you will find driving our clients an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Whether or not you are currently one of our clients, if you aren't able to get yourself out, please don't hesitate to call our office on **01491 681171**. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages.

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.

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