

Woodcote Volunteers



Numbers going up!

We have finalised our stats for last year and it's official – the number of clients we drove in 2023 was double the number in 2022! In some ways, this is not surprising. At the start of 2021, Covid was still fresh in our minds, putting people off both asking for a lift and for volunteering. But still, it was, and still is, crucial to have sufficient volunteer drivers to serve the increasing numbers of our local residents who don't have access to transport. So, a huge thank you to those of you who stepped forward last year; you are helping our vulnerable residents to get to where they need to go, whether it's a medical appointment or to a much-needed social activity.

However! Our numbers are still increasing so please, if you think you may be able to do one drive a month, would you get in touch with us? It is a really enjoyable and interesting volunteering role. The life stories you hear as you are driving are inspiring, humbling, funny and fascinating. Get in touch with our secretary Jane through our website if you want to know more. Thank you!

Co-op Community Fund

This year, the Co-op are supporting our charity by helping us to raise funds. Please could you nominate us as your chosen charity until 19th October, when the funding round ends?

To find out more about Woodcote Volunteers and choose us as your cause, use this link:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/77130>

Signing up only takes a few seconds, thank you so much.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18th April, 7pm at Woodcote Village Hall. More details to follow in next month's Correspondent. It is a public meeting, so anyone can attend. If you are considering joining Woodcote Volunteers either as a driver, office helper or committee member, it is a good place to find out more.

TO FINISH.....

If you are thinking about becoming one of our drivers, we would love to hear from you! Please go to our website (details at the foot of the page) to find out more about being a driver and how to contact us.

As usual, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to call our office on **01491 681171**. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages. If you would struggle to pay a driver's expenses, please mention this to our office team when you book, as we may be able to help.

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: www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers