

## Woodcote Volunteers



### Tea Party initiative for our clients

The new Tea Parties are proving very popular with our clients. One of our client's daughters wrote to us afterwards, "I just wanted to say a huge thank you for yesterday. Mum had such a lovely time. She's really looking forward to next month! Such a wonderful thing to organise and very much appreciated by all, I'm sure."

The tea parties are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm – 3.30pm at the Community Centre in Woodcote (for our clients only, sorry). We do need new drivers to assist us with the running of this initiative, and would appreciate any help you can provide. If you would like to get involved, please email [info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk](mailto:info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk). Thank you.

### Blue Badge Applications – help for clients

It appears that the Blue Badges we hold as an organisation may not be renewed as of March 2025 – seemingly a new policy by the Council. The Blue Badges we hold help our drivers and clients immensely – it means our most disabled clients can be dropped close to the entrance of the places they need to get to – especially important when it comes to parking at hospitals.

To try to mitigate this loss, we are building a team of volunteers who will help clients who don't already hold them, to apply for their own Blue Badges. It has the additional benefit of allowing our clients' family and friends to park in disabled bays when they go out together.

We need more helpers with this project, so if you are good with form filling and could assist one or two people, please would you get in touch? You will be doing a huge service to our most vulnerable clients. Thank you. Contact details on our website, below.

### Saturday Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a fundraising coffee morning at Woodcote Community Centre on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00 – 12:30. We would love to see you there! Meet your friends or make new ones, over coffee and home made cakes and cookies.

### TO FINISH.....

We would like to welcome some new volunteers to our team – Isobel, Wendy and Jane who are helping with our tea parties in their different roles and also Sheila, who along with Wendy, will be helping clients with their Blue Badge applications. Thanks to all of you for so kindly giving your time.

If you could help in any way, we would love to hear from you! Please go to our website to find out more about the various roles and how to contact us.

- **To book a driver, call 01491 681171 giving as much notice as possible.**
- **To volunteer, email: [info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk](mailto:info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk)**
- **Find out more about us: [www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk](http://www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk)**
- **Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers)**

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.