

Woodcote Volunteers



We have been busy!

This September and October have been very busy times for us at Woodcote Volunteers – in a good way!

Our events team have been working hard - to put on the stall at the Woodcote Fete, run our tea parties and put on another successful fundraising coffee morning at the Community Centre. On top of that, we have been helping clients apply for their own Blue Badges, recruiting new volunteers and advertising for some exciting new roles within our charity.

Tea Parties for our clients

We had a very good turnout for our tea Party in September and thanks go to Ian Adams for running the bingo session, which went down well. Our next session is on Wednesday 6th November, 2.30pm – 4pm when we will be treated to a talk by Age UK about how to avoid Scams – a very important issue - and the Christmas Party is on Wednesday 4th December, when we will have a singer and maybe some carols!

Tea Parties are held at the Community Centre in Woodcote. We provide tea and home-made cakes and there is no charge; we only ask for volunteer expenses if we drive you. You can enjoy a new activity each month and will have time for a chat to other clients and volunteers.

Please give us plenty of notice if you need a lift.

Blue Badges

Just a reminder that we can help our clients to apply for a Blue Badge if they think they may be eligible. Please call our office phone number if you would like to be passed on to someone who can advise.

New Volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you to Malcolm, Maya and Alan who have joined us as volunteer drivers. They will have a great time getting to know our clients and some of their fellow volunteers. We would also like to thank Ann who has joined our Wednesday morning office crew, so if you call on a Wednesday you may well be speaking to her. It is so gratifying to know that people want to help others and are providing such an essential service to our local community.

Roles becoming vacant April 2025

We are looking for a new Chair and Secretary for Woodcote Volunteers as both positions will be vacant as of our AGM in April 2025. We are also looking for someone to help take notes at our meetings. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please email the Secretary Jane Forde, using the address below and she can call you for an informal chat in the first instance. It would be very helpful to start the process of integration and familiarisation before April. A brief description of the roles are available on our website.

Some interesting services and activities....

We are always looking out for services and activities that may be of interest to our clients. Here are three more based in Libraries, and bear in mind, we can take you to all:

1. Goring Library run a digital inclusion programme, aimed at helping people to get online, use computers, smart phones or tablets, use email, online safety and so on. It is free and both one to one and group sessions are available. Although Goring Library is currently closed for refurbishment, it will be opening again in November, so call the Library to find out more when it has re-opened, on 01491 873028.
2. Woodcote Library run a Books from Home scheme. If you are unable to get out but would like books delivered to you, please contact the library on 01491 682323.
3. Sonning Common Library run a Scrabble Club on Fridays at 10am to 12 noon. Just turn up!

TO FINISH.....

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.

If you need a driver, please give us at least three days' notice as it can be hard to find someone at the last minute – but we will always try!

- **To book a driver, call 01491 681171 giving as much notice as possible.**
- **To volunteer, email: info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**
- **Find out more about us: www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**
- **Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers**
- **General enquiries – call 01491 681171**