

Woodcote Volunteers



Tea Parties for our clients

Scams Awareness

Mandy Massam from Age UK gave a very useful and well received talk about scams awareness in February. Any of us can fall victim to a scam. If you would like to know more about ways to avoid being taken in by a scam, call Age UK's helpline on 0345 450 1276. If you think you've been a victim of a scam, please report it to Action Fraud using their phone number 0300 123 2040.

Our next Tea Party will be on **Wednesday 5th March 2025** at 2.30pm, finishing at 4pm. We are being treated to a light hearted quiz with a musical theme devised by one of our drivers, so please do come along for fun and good company. We will also be introducing you to our new Client Liaison volunteer, Yvette, who will be the point of contact for clients from April onwards. Some of you will have already met her. She will be explaining more about her role and how to contact her.

Tea Parties are held at the Community Centre in Woodcote. We provide tea and home-made cakes and there is no charge. Please give us plenty of notice if you need a lift by calling our office phone number below.

Woodcote Winter Wheels: Driving Health and Happiness!

February was the last month this winter that our free drives were offered. We were able to offer free drives over the winter due to the generosity of both the Co-op Community Fund and Woodcote Rally and would like to thank them again. Normal service will resume in March, with drives wholly within Woodcote being a flat rate of £1.50 and other drives being 45p per mile, to cover driver's expenses, (the amount hasn't increased since 2011!!)

Blue badges

Having successfully helped several of our clients to apply for a Blue Badge, we now have the capacity on a first come, first served basis, to help others who live in our catchment area. If you think you may be eligible but want some advice or need help with the process, please call our office phone number in the first instance and someone will call you back.

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan and Sue Ryder

We held a busy coffee morning on Saturday 1st February and managed to raise a total after expenses of £288.50. Thank you to all who came along and those who helped on the morning.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th April in the Village Hall, Woodcote, from 7pm. All of our volunteers and the wider community are very welcome to attend. A speaker from Age UK has kindly agreed to come along to talk about their services. More information about our AGM will be available next month.

TO FINISH.....

Our thanks go to the following people for helping us fill the roles we advertised over the last few months. They are Yvette, our Client Liaison volunteer, Brian who will be our Communications Co-ordinator, David, our Driver Rep and Marcia who will be our Secretary. Jane intends to continue as Volunteer Co-ordinator.

We do need a couple more driver but 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**
- **Our website: www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**
- **Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers**
- **General enquiries – call 01491 681171**