

# AUTUMN



BVA VOLUNTEER TEA PARTY 6TH JUNE 2024

## From The Team

Autumnal greetings everyone!

As the days draw colder, we hope that we can share some news about the charity that will lift the spirits and brighten your mood.

As always we want to thank you all for your commitment to Basingstoke NeighbourCare. Our services, our support and what we are able to achieve wouldn't be possible without all of you.

We are humbled by the amount of time, effort and compassion each and every one of you give to clients.

## News of our Services

Accompanied Driving Service

Since June we have had **53 new clients** join us and had **1,196 trips** booked!

We had a few new volunteers start with us in the last few months and we want to welcome them and hope they enjoy their time with Basingstoke NeighbourCare.

We now offer magnetic signs for the driving volunteers. These come at a small cost but we can provide the details upon request.

We have seen an influx of new clients over the last few months across all the services. The need for our charity and the role we play in the community is always increasing.

Working together we can keep moving forward and keep helping make a difference to those that need us most.

We have set a date for our Annual Christmas Celebration, hope to see you all on the **9th December**. Put it in your diary now!

Thank you for your continued support.

*NeighbourCare Team*

There a few updates that volunteer drivers need to be aware of, so look out for those emails!

Thank you again for all that you do. We appreciate all the time and energy you dedicate to us.

Although our volunteer numbers are picking up, increased pressure on these services means we're always on the look out for new drivers.

## Events 2024

**Tuesday 26th  
November 2024**  
Christmas Fayre  
- Church  
Cottage

**Monday 9th  
December 2024**  
Basingstoke  
NeighbourCare  
Christmas  
Celebration





## Community Cafés and Social Groups

As always our Community Cafés and The Tadley Social Group are extremely busy. Regular activities such as Loose Chippings, a local Ukulele band (pictured right), “new age kurling” and birthday bashes, keep people coming back. Thanks as always to the support of the volunteer teams at each venue.



Loose Chippings at  
Top right - Church Cottage  
Bottom Right Hill Rise Hall



Left - Birthday celebrations at  
The Tadley Social Group

## Befriending

A big welcome to our new befriending volunteers, thank you for joining us and making a real difference to the lives of some of the most socially isolated and vulnerable people in our community.

National Befriending Week this year is the 1st - 7th of November and the Befriending Network have invited some of our volunteers to join them online for a celebration of the amazing support they give to others. It's hard to quantify the difference a befriender can make to someone who lives alone and is housebound, but it really can be life changing. Keep an eye out on our social media pages during Befriending Week as we will be spreading the word about our amazing team of volunteers.



## Support us through Easy Fundraising

Basingstoke NeighbourCare has an Easyfundraising account. For anyone that doesn't know, when you purchase goods/services online from participating shops via Easyfundraising we receive a donation. These donations may be a very small amount, but they add up - especially if we can get as many people as possible supporting us. You can change the charity that you support at anytime, and your donations move across.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

All the instructions are on the website. If you are booking a holiday or taking out insurance it's worth having a look, as they often have offers where we would get a much higher donation than normal. If you have already setup with another charity why not rotate to support NeighbourCare



## Share Your Stories

Your volunteer stories are powerful! They bring our social media to life and help us attract funding. We would love to hear from all of you to understand what made you decide to join us, what have you enjoyed, how has this experience might have changed you?



# Fundraising and Events Teams

- We're expanding our fundraising efforts and need enthusiastic team members! Whether you're experienced or eager to learn, we'd love to have you on board. This could take various forms, such as coming up with ideas like identifying corporate support.
- We're forming an events team to represent us at local events, fairs, and community days. If you enjoy meeting new people and spreading the word about our work. In addition, we would like ideas on how we can make ourselves more engaging at events.



Above - A donation received from Redrow



Brian and Janet - Befriending

## Meeting Our Challenges

As we grow, so do our challenges. To maintain our services, we're focusing on increasing donations and building capacity. Here's how you can help:

**Donate Regularly:** Through websites like Local Giving.

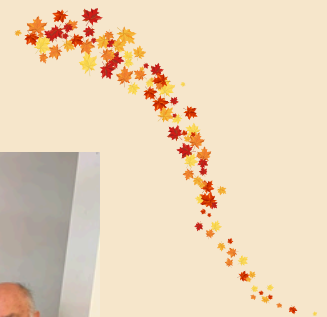
**Leave a Legacy Gift:** Consider us in your Will.

**Volunteer:** We need more drivers, befrienders, and trustees. We're also seeking a volunteer coordinator to strengthen our office team.

Do you know anyone looking for a new volunteer role?

We are looking for Trustees with experience in any of the following -

- marketing
- project management
- HR and governance
- fundraising
- Please contact us if you would like to know more



Luke Murphy and some of our team.

01256 423855

info@neighbourcare.com

www.neighbourcare.com

The Orchard, White Hart Lane

Basingstoke, Hampshire

RG21 4AF

