# **Camberley Care Trust**

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## Chat from the Chairs

Having jointly taken on the role of Chairs of the Board of Trustees, we have been very busy getting to grips with our new responsibilities.

Angela, who has many years' experience in project management, has already put in hours of work to familiarize herself with Camberley Care's many operational, legal and financial processes and obligations.

Meanwhile, Ros has been busy on the publicity and networking side, and we hope to have new leaflets and posters out for both the driving and handyperson services very soon.

## New Trustees fast making an impression

John Rouse, our new treasurer, has been working diligently to get on top of all his many responsibilities, and recently seems almost to have taken up residence in the office!

We continue to be grateful to Bryan Dunford for his invaluable help training John, and to Natasha who has also provided much guidance and support.

John is currently putting together a 5-year financial forecast to help keep us all on track and financially secure for the future.

Tim FitzGerald (trustee and driver) has taken over responsibility for all things I.T. and has already made many changes to our website, including the addition of the new drivers' section.

A review of all software and hardware in the office is in progress, with upgrades in the pipeline shortly.

Sue Collett has not only joined the Board as a trustee, but has also recently trained as relief duty officer, as well as offering her services as a driver!

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# Camberley Care by Numbers

Number of volunteer drivers:

56

Number of handymen:

4

Total number of volunteers:

65

# Welcome to our Team

It's great to start the year by welcoming new members to the Camberley Care team.

## Volunteer drivers:

Marian Imrie

Malcolm Lupton (returning)

Lewis Morgan

David Rice

## Handymen

Mark Dewey

Gary Griffith

David Surman

A warm welcome to all and many thanks for your support!

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#### .....Chat from the Chairs

We now have a very strong and experienced Board of Trustees to take us forward and thank everyone for their continued dedication

In particular, Derek deserves a gold star for the perseverance needed to open a new Bank Account for Camberley Care!

## **Office Stars**

Finally, we must thank Natasha and Sue for their dedication to Camberley Care. They always put in extra hours to make sure the office is covered, especially recently during the adverse weather conditions.

Without them and all our volunteers, our clients would not have the marvellous service we offer.

We look forward to another rewarding and successful year.

With best wishes,

Ros Terry and Angela Barnatt, Co-Chairs

## **Christmas Memories**

Once again, the annual Camberley Care Christmas gathering was a well-attended event organised by our office team.

A special thanks to duty officer Pauline who's expert management of the kitchen meant everyone was as well fed as they were looked after.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, large and small, our free to enter raffle was again a resounding success.

Huge thank you to Natasha and Sue for all their work.



## **MILEAGE MATTERS**

A polite reminder to all volunteer drivers to ensure that mileage claims are recorded accurately and submitted to the office in a timely manner.

If a driver has a query or is unsure of how to complete a mileage claim for any particular journey, do contact Natasha, or Sue who will be happy to provide guidance.

#### HELP FOR HANDYMEN

Not the name of a new BBC annual charity appeal but a genuine call for your help in spreading the word.

Our relaunched <u>subsidised</u> <u>handyman service</u> is well and truly up and running.

We now have a team for four DBS cleared handymen standing by and ready to help senior citizens as well as disabled and vulnerable people in Camberley and Frimley.

Please help to spread the word. The Board of Trustees worked hard to secure sufficient funding to relaunch and sustain a handyman service to support independent living in the local community.

With not one but four local handymen now available to undertake home improvements and repairs around the home we really are open for business.

For further information please contact our office manager Natasha who will be happy to help.

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# **Chums Lunch**

A superb Chums Lunch, arranged by the <u>Cantenians Group</u> took place at Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale on Jan. 12.

A number of drivers gave up their Saturday to ensure another strong attendance by clients of Camberley Care for whom the food was plentiful and the wine flowing, for those not driving!

Entertainment from an Irish Band saw almost everyone take to the dance floor for a good old knees-up. A great day out for all thanks to the generosity and community spirit of everyone associated with the Cantenians Group.



# **Generous Neighbours**

A huge thank you to <u>St Michael's Church</u> in Camberley and to the <u>Toby Carvery</u> for their generous donations of £450.00 and £37.21 respectively, the latter from a collecting tin located in the bar area.

We would also like to thank volunteer drivers who generously donate their mileage, which goes over and above expectations.

Camberley Care does not receive any direct funding from national or local government. Donations of this type, as well as our own fundraising activities, are our lifeblood. Thank you to all our supporters.

## **Race Night Fun**

Good luck to the <u>Rotary Club of Camberley</u> which is holding a fundraising race night on Saturday, Feb. 9.

It is a sell-out event and with all proceeds being donated to Camberley Care this is great news indeed. Good luck to anyone who is taking part!

# Surrey Heath Age Concern

Please be advised that <u>Surrey Heath Age</u> <u>Concern</u> has relocated from the Ian Goodchild Centre to a new home in Mytchett.

Updated contact details are as below:

Surrey Heath Age Concern Upper Floor 20 Sailsbury Grove Mytchett Surrey. GU16 6BP Tel: 01252 266841



The <u>Rainbow Café</u> in Camberley Town Centre is unaffected by this change.

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# Helpful New Resource for Volunteer Drivers

Trustee Tim Fitzgerald is currently developing a new resource to make life a whole lot easier for our team of volunteer drivers.

By clicking this link <u>information for drivers</u> you will be directed to a new web site currently being populated with helpful information about hospital parking, mileage calculators and claiming of expenses.

If you have any suggestions for additional content for our new drivers' information site please contact <u>fitzgerald.tim@gmail.com</u>.

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