



Camberley Care

Help in the Community

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Spring Newsletter

April 2023

Greetings to all our Volunteers and Handymen,

Spring has well and truly sprung, the days are getting longer and warmer and we even have a new King and Queen- the signs of a new season and new beginnings.

Writing this article as your new chairperson is one of those new beginnings. Angela Barnatt and I swapped roles in January, so I have become chairperson and Angela is now deputy-chair. Another change to the Board is that David Hughes and Linda Christopher have joined us as Trustees. Many of you will know David and Linda as our volunteer drivers and I'm sure you will join me in welcoming David and Linda to this new role.

Over the past year the number of transport trips has been steadily increasing and we are now doing well over 200 trips per month, which is over 90% of what we were doing before COVID struck, so almost back to normal. However we also have fewer drivers available now than pre-COVID so we are always looking for extra volunteer drivers. If you do know of anyone who might be interested please do encourage them and put them in touch with our office (Tel 07718-688711) or email info@camberleycare.org). David and Linda will be giving driver recruitment a big push so watch this space.

The handyman jobs have not seen such big fluctuations as the transport trips, it has been stable around 15 jobs per month since COVID struck. It did however slow down over the past few months, which may well be due to the cost of living

crisis.

One item that is discussed at every Board meeting is the Financial Report. We are still in a good position but the Trustees have agreed that it would be prudent to put more effort into fundraising proactively to ensure that we can continue our good work for many more years to come. Some results of that you may already have seen in the previous issue of this newsletter, for instance that Camberley Care was selected as one of Camberley Heath Golf Club's supported charities, in no small part due to the efforts of our Treasurer Lesley.

Another is that Martin Christopher, the husband of our volunteer driver (and new Trustee) Linda, selected Camberley Care as his sponsored charity for his running of the Southampton Marathon on 2nd April. You can read all about that on our website - have a look on www.camberleycare.org, click on 'Marathon Effort' and see for yourself. So far Martin has raised well over £1,100 for Camberley Care, well done Martin!

Next year, 2024, it will be **50** years ago that Camberley Care was started. This is a wonderful milestone and we will be working this year on the preparations for some publicity and celebrations for that. And yes, some fundraising too.

Thank you all for your continued support, you are all changing peoples' lives for the better .

Tony

Volunteer's Coffee and Catch-Up



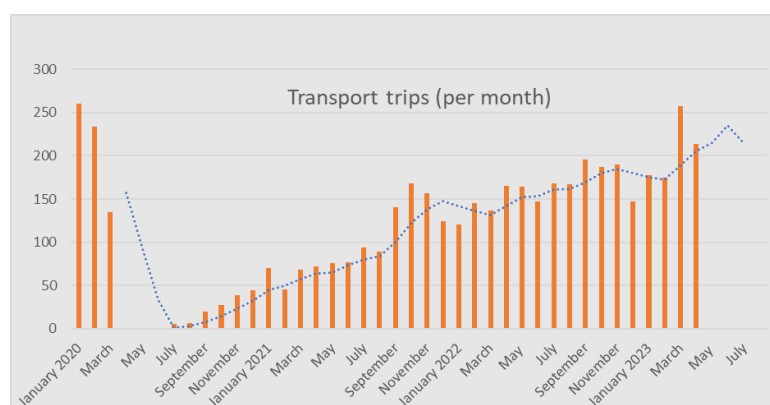
On 15 March we held our Volunteer's coffee and catch-up at the Rainbow Café. It was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, and to introduce the new members of our Volunteer Team. Thank you to Charles Barbor for allowing us to use the Rainbow Café.

Our next catch-up will be on Wed 07 June at 2.30pm at Watchetts Recreation Ground. Just bring a chair, drink and we will provide cake and biscuits



Transport Service

As Tony has stated in his Chairman's report, we are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels of trips per month, with April 2023 at 214 trips. In March 2023 we completed 257 trips, as can be seen from the chart. We have, unfortunately, had to refuse some trips, however, the clients have been understanding and have rebooked their appointments where they can.



THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR SEEING US THROUGH THIS BUSY TIME

Handyman Service

Our handyman service is operating at a steady level, although numbers may be down on last year due to the financial crisis.

Statistics	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023
Total	11	10	10	15
	13 in 2022	17 in 2022	18 in 2022	10 in 2022

Retiring from Camberley Care

Tessa Fullwood has been with Camberley Care since 2006. She has been a Duty Officer, a Volunteer Driver and was instrumental in formulating our Charity Portal, which we still use today.

Many thanks to Tessa for all her support of Camberley Care, enjoy your retirement!



Camberley Care Family

We have set up a group called 'Camberley Care Family'. This comprises of former volunteer drivers, duty officers and Trustees to keep all updated on everything 'Camberley Care'. Once part of the Camberley Care family, always a part.....!

New

Drivers

Michael Craft
Raj Nakarja
Richard Wheatley

Trustees

Linda Christopher
David Hughes

Office

Vince Ayres (ad
hoc office cover)

Duty Officer

Bernie
Kusionowicz

A huge welcome to Camberley Care!

DBS Certificates



DBS certificates need to be updated every 3 years. A small number of you have DBS certificates that date beyond this period, you will need to reapply for a DBS certificate.

We now use the online company 'disclosure services', which, once verified, only take 48 hours to issue the certificate, a huge improvement!

We will be in touch with those of you that fall into this category shortly.



.....to spread the word about volunteering for Camberley Care!

Print the advert on the back page of the newsletter in grayscale, or come into the office for colour copies, to pass onto your friends, or put up on notice boards, or wherever else you think we can capture some more volunteers.

Comments from clients

Many thanks to all you kind people who arrange lifts for me to my clubs

Mrs Meredith

I shall miss all the lovely volunteers and their cheery smiles. I will be back for my hospital appointments so I will look forward to those.

Mrs Vincze

I love your service. Its just brilliant!

Mrs Milliner

I love Camberley Care as it allows me to get out from these 4 walls and do somethings that I want to do rather than all the medical appointments I need to attend. Thank you to all it makes a big difference.

Mrs Machlaclan

Many thanks for your very efficient help.

Mrs Bancroft

Every volunteer is so kind. They are all terrific

Mrs Murphy

To the rescue again! Many thanks to all the team

Mrs Inman

A lovely service. All your volunteers are so kind

Mrs Harris

Obituaries

Mrs Moth
Mrs Phelps
Mr Peter Hart



Camberley Care
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Supporting
independent living
in Camberley
and Frimley



**Drivers
needed for
flexible volunteering**

We provide transport for older and vulnerable people in our community to medical appointments, day centres, and social excursions.
All of our drivers can claim mileage expenses.

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