



## March Newsletter 2024

Camberley Care Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

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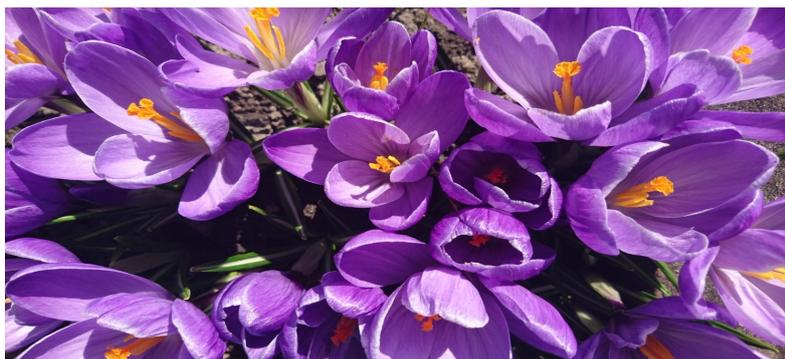
## Message from the Chair

Welcome to our spring newsletter, much has happened since our last one. We have welcomed several new volunteer drivers and duty officers - Welcome to Camberley Care.

Unfortunately Wendy Hill has had to resign for health reasons. Thank you Wendy for all that you have done for us over the years, and we all wish you a successful recovery. Thank you also to Vince Ayers for temporarily stepping up to fill the void left behind by Wendy, and to Sue Pearson and Sue Collett for working swiftly through almost 100 applications for Wendy's replacement. This year we are celebrating our 50th anniversary and the celebration party is now less than 2 months away, on 15th May. I hope that you are looking forward to it as much as I am.

Preparations are well advanced and ongoing, and the venue has been booked which is a function room at the Camberley Heath Golf Club. Speaking of Camberley Heath Golf Club, you may remember that we were one of their chosen charities for 2023, thanks to the persuasive skills of our Treasurer Lesley. This has resulted in an amazing donation of £10,000 to Camberley Care. Fantastic, thank you very much. Lesley went to collect the giant cheque in January, a picture of which is shown further on in this newsletter. Thank you all for the wonderful work that you do and the positive impact that that has on our community.

Tony



## Office News

What a busy start to 2024! We had some IT issues which have now been resolved but these always mean extra work for us all, so thank you for your help and patience when these occur.

Wendy left us at the beginning of March, but we are fortunate that Vince has been able to step in and help cover the office when needed. I am pleased to announce that Bernie has also taken on board a bank role. She will be continue to volunteer on a Tuesday morning and will help cover holidays etc when needed.

We will be continuing to enhance our Charity Portal throughout the year, and thank Wendy Bovenkamp for all the work she is doing on this. It will make our portal more secure and easier to update. We are looking forward to using a new office payment system built into the portal in the coming weeks.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Number of trips	1932	2551 +619
Average per month	161	212

It's early days for 2024, but so far, we have completed 624 trips averaging 208 a month.

### Handyperson Service

The handyperson continues to be popular with our clients

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Number of jobs	163	153
Average per month	14	13

So far in 2024, there have been 44 handyperson jobs, averaging 14 a month.

## Office news (cont'd)

On Wendy's leaving day we decorated her desk and presented her with a container of spring flowers for her patio and a gift voucher. She was touched by all the lovely messages she received.



## Donations

As Tony mentioned, we were very fortunate to be part of Camberley Heath Golf Club's charity of the year. Lesley our treasurer nominated us and supported a number of the events they held. As a result, we were lucky to receive a cheque for £10,000!

A **HUGE** thank you to Camberley Heath Golf Club for this generous donation.



## 50th Celebration

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\***

**Don't forget on the 15th May 2024, we will be holding our 50th celebration at Camberley Heath Golf Club. Further details will be announced very soon.**

## Quotes from clients

Any comments we receive from clients for a particular driver or handyman we do try to pass on. Sometimes when they call to book their next appointment, they pass comments such as

“Such a helpful young handyman. My new taps are great.

‘What a wonderful service. Thank the volunteers for their very kind help and comforting words’

‘What a lovely lady who had lots of patience’

The handyperson did a great job and was kind and helpful as always’.

Thank you for a making my trip to the hospital stress free. I will be booking with you again

## Charity Worker Discount

As a volunteer there is a website which offers exclusive discounts, cash back and vouchers for charity workers and volunteers. It is free to use, with no fees and you can have the latest deals emailed to your inbox. For more information go to;

[www.charityworkerdiscounts.com](http://www.charityworkerdiscounts.com)

## Thank you

Thank you all for bringing in your donation envelopes and your mileage expense claim forms for our final banking's of this financial year. It really was appreciated.

## New.....

**Volunteers** - Bob, Rachel, Robin and Elva

**Duty Officer** -Jan

**Trustee**—Michael

Our next volunteer catch up will be on Tuesday 16th April at St Pauls, Crawley Hill. Come along from 2.30pm and meet some of our volunteers. Refreshments will be served.



Have a lovely Easter weekend and thank you for all  
your time you give to Camberley Care

