



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2025

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Christmas Message from the Chairman

It's the end of another year and quite a year it has been. Our Treasurer Lesley and Trustee Linda resigned and we were able to appoint Mr Anthony Pipe recently as our new Treasurer after a long search. Tim Harrison joined as Trustee. We were nominated for the KAVS award but unfortunately did not get the award. We also moved office to Station House. Despite all that, and more, our Transport and Handyman services ran as well as ever, all thanks to you, our wonderful team of volunteers, staff and Trustees.

A **very big Thank You** to you all, on behalf of the hundreds of clients that you have helped in 2025. Keep up the good work as we move into 2026, a year which looks set to become a very special year for Camberley Care.

Have a wonderful Christmas all,
and Best Wishes for the New Year

Tony



Office News

Transport Service Stats 2025

From 9th December 2024 to 9th December 2025 we have completed 2778 trips. This is an increase of 73 trips on the same period last year and is an average of 231 trips a month.

October was the month with the highest number of trips with 282 trips compared to our lowest month December, with 183 trips.

We registered 75 new clients so far this year.

Our office payment clients are on the rise with 51 statements being sent to client in November.

Thank you for all your help in taking our clients.

Handyperson Service Stats 2025

From 9th December 2024 to 9th December 2025 128 jobs were completed.

This works out at 11 jobs a month. January was the busiest month with 18 jobs being completed, compared to June when only 6 jobs were done. Many of these are returning clients who trust our handymen and the work they do.

We have registered 19 new handyperson clients this year.

Foreign Currency

As you know we have a collection bucket in Natwest where their customers can put in their unused foreign coin and any loose change they might have. We sort this then bank or send off the loose coin.

So far we have collected £747.38 which is great. If you have any foreign coin lying around please bring it into the office.

In other news.....

Sanjha Restaurant—Camberley

Sanjha in Camberley celebrated its 10th anniversary in November, and as part of their celebrations, they chose to support Camberley Care alongside nine other fantastic local charities.

From 20th–29th November - They are donating 10% of the amount taken and are dividing between the Charities. Such a nice gesture!

GOVO

We are now live on GOVO - A live Database for people looking for Volunteer opportunities.

ITV and Royal Voluntary Service have teamed up to launch *Role of a Lifetime*, a new and ambitious campaign to inspire the nation to get volunteering for thousands of charities in need.

Donations

We have been very fortunate to have received some generous donations over the past few weeks.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church £200.00

Donations from various Transport Clients £210.00

Facebook

We are trying to increase our online presence and are now posting every week, so if you have not liked our page or follow us, please do.

New Volunteers in Nov/Dec

We would like to welcome the following new volunteers

Anthony Pipe—New Treasurer

Colin Waite—Volunteer Driver

KAVS AWARD

In the summer newsletter we wrote that Camberley Care had been nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS).

It is a prestigious award, which recognises the exceptional contributions made by voluntary organisations in their local communities.

Since then it has been a long wait to find out if we were given the award, and in November we heard that unfortunately we had not been successful, amongst strong competition. However, by going through this nomination process, the amazing work that you all do has been communicated to many people who would otherwise not have heard of Camberley Care, some of these are shown below.

Sir Martyn Lewis CBE, Chair of the KAVS National Assessment Committee, wrote to us to say :

"Your local and national assessors were impressed by your substantial achievements in supporting your local community. Please convey to your volunteers and staff our warm appreciation of all you do. We hope that your success continues well into the future."

Mr Michael More-Molyneux , Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey wrote to say :

"The dedication, care, and commitment shown by your volunteers make a genuine and invaluable difference to your community and are deeply appreciated."

Mary Creswell DL, HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey and Chair of The King's Awards for Voluntary Service in Surrey wrote to say :

"Camberley Care's achievements and the positive impact you make are invaluable. Please pass on my personal thanks to all your volunteers."

A huge thank you to Libby from VSNS who nominated us, to Sue Pearson for kickstarting it, and everyone that helped with the nomination itself.

Volunteer Catch up

August 2025

On a hot, humid day in August we held one of our Volunteer Catch ups in Watchetts Park. It was lovely to see so many volunteers attend despite the thunder and lightening that surrounded us!



The date for our next cuppa and cake catch up will be announced very soon.

Collectively Camberley Business awards

Every year Collectively Camberley run their Business Awards with various categories. Included this year, was the Outstanding Charity and Community award.

Thanks to all of you who voted as we were winning right up to a week before and only lost out on the award by a small number of votes.

As a result of our nomination, Camberley Care were invited to the awards ceremony held at Pine Ridge Golf Club.

Sue, Janet, Sue C and Tim attended a very interesting and enjoyable evening.



Voluntary Support North Surrey Volunteer Awards

This year's award ceremony was held at the end of November at Chobham Golf Club.

We had nominations in the following categories;

New Volunteer award—Ashley—Duty officer

Team award—represented by John Archer and Mike Rees

Unsung Hero award—Tony our Chairman

Long Service award—Pauline –Duty officer for over 15 years
volunteering with Camberley Care

We are delighted to announce that Pauline was recognised for her volunteering with Camberley Care.

Here are few photos from the event

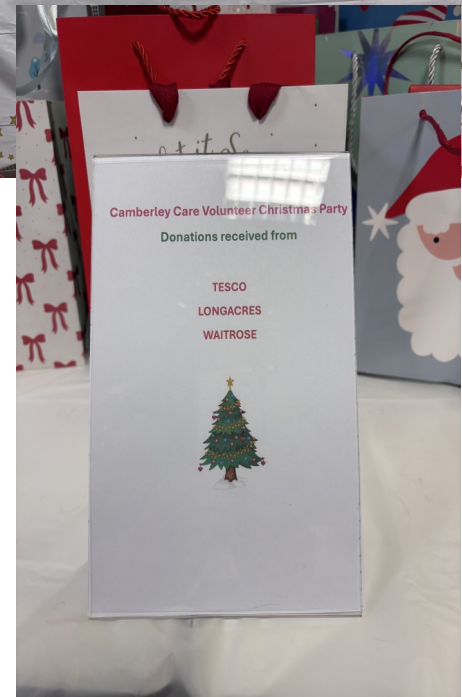


Christmas Party 2025

On Tuesday 9th December we held our annual Christmas Party at St Pauls. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Christmas Party (con't)



The Mayor sent the following message;

The Mayor, Councillor Louise Ashbery, has asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks for inviting her to the Christmas Party on Tuesday. The Mayor had such a lovely afternoon and very much enjoyed meeting all the wonderful and selfless Camberley Care volunteers. Thank you so much for having her.

We are sad to hear that the following clients have passed away

Cyril King

Mr Greenstreet

Mr Ireton

Mr Bell

John Williams

Please see below some lovely kind words from Mr Williams daughter.

Your volunteers on the phone and on the journeys have been so kind and patient with my Dad. He was very grateful and enjoyed meeting everyone. He remembered the different drivers and the variety of cars he travelled in. It made his daily trips to Guildford for Radiotherapy a trip out rather than something to be endured. He remembered Janet's open top car with enthusiasm.

My dad was a very kind and gentle man who always gave lifts to people and even lent his car to someone who needed it for 6 months. He taught me, my brother and my husband to drive and was very sad when he gave up driving at 86. Camberley Care provided an affordable but more importantly a caring, friendly alternative to taxis.



**We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all
the best for 2026.**

**Thank you for all that you do for Camberley Care.
It really is appreciated.**

