



Helping People Changing Lives

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Annual Report
2023 ~ 2024

Staffing Structure

Management Committee

Chair: Brenda Stewart

Vice Chair: Sylvia Scott

Secretary: Sue Stoner

Treasurer: Margaret Gordon

Trustees: James Elliker
James Keep
Jean Hagan
Joolee Hawkhead
Peter Gruen



Staff

Kenneth Hill Chief Executive Officer

Mik Breakwell Support Worker/
Mini Bus Driver



Volunteers

Andrew Martin
Brenda Stewart
Duncan Murdoch
Giselle Saxton
Irene Murdoch
James Elliker
James Keep
Jason Robinson
Jean Hagan
John Pretty
Joolee Hawkhead
Kevin Dunn
Leigh Andrews
Margaret Gordon
Pamela Thompson
Peter Gruen
Sue Stoner
Sylvia Scott
Val Barnes
Wendy Breakwell

2023-2024 Summary

Managers Report

2023 marked the 30th year of The Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme. It's wonderful to have been involved in the on-going development of this scheme and to see how the volunteers and staff are dedicated in the work and services that this scheme strives to provide to accommodate the needs of local older people.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers who give up their free time to support all the work and activities that this scheme provides and to the members of our Executive Management Committee who attend regular meetings and give me and this scheme their support when required.

I want to thank the staff for all their dedication and hard work over the last year in the work provided by this scheme also for supporting me.

Kenneth Hill
Chief Executive Officer

Chair's Report

The Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme continues to enjoy an excellent reputation with the older people it works with and for. Our strong staff and volunteer team work together as a team to deliver and maintain the services and activities that this scheme provides and delivers. All our services and activities are valued by all the older people from the local and wider community. A **Big Thank-You** to everyone who in any way has helped and supported the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme to maintain the delivery of quality services and activities we strive to provide.

I would also like to say A **Big Thank-You** to all the organisations who have supported the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme who played a part in supporting our services to promote the health and well being of older people.

Brenda Stewart



Activities & Services

Which help reduce isolation of older people in our area

Befriending Telephone Contact

All clients registered with Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme were contacted with a befriending telephone call to say "HELLO" and to enquire if they needed support with anything.

Over the year we made 3,989 calls.

Signposting/Referrals

Our continuous befriending telephone contact identified individual needs of an older person which required;

Signposting - providing contact details of a service provider enabling an older person to make the contact with the required provider.

Referrals - Making the contact with a required service provider on behalf of the older person.

Over the year we made a total of 137 signposting/referral's to meet their identified needs.

Outreach - Home support visit

Our continuous contact with the clients registered with this scheme, along with referrals via other Statutory, Private and Voluntary organisations required a home visit to assess the needs of an older person. Over the year we made 139 home visits.

Luncheon Clubs

Our weekly Luncheon Clubs run on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday where we provide;

- A welcome with tea/coffee and biscuits.
- A nourishing 2 course hot meal for 82 older people a week totalling 3,772 meals over the year.
- A friendly environment for older people to socially interact.
- An opportunity to play bingo and win a raffle.
- Door to door transport via our disabled access mini bus.

Shopping Trip

On a Tuesday morning our weekly shopping trip takes older people from the local community grocery shopping to Asda or Sainsbury's. After doing their shopping everyone meets up in the supermarket cafe for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Line Dancing

On a Tuesday morning our weekly Line Dancing class runs in the Swarcliffe Community Centre where older people can socialise to exercise by line dancing to tunes played by our resident DJ John.



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Knitting Circle.

Our weekly Knitting Circle runs on a Wednesday afternoon in the Swarcliffe Community Centre giving older people the opportunity to meet in a safe and friendly environment where they can have a chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit while knitting or doing other crafts. Over the year they have knitted and produced some woollen blankets which have been given out with food hampers to local older people.

Monthly Trips

Our monthly trips run on the last Thursday of the month. A coach with disabled access took an average of 40 older people out for lunch on a coach ride to destinations far and wide.

Support

We have numerous ways of supporting our clients;

Newsletter

S.G.N.S continued to support all the clients over the year registered with this scheme via our quarterly Spring, Summer, Autumn/Winter newsletter.

Book Club

Our clients can request 4 books from a genre of their choice to be delivered to their home.

Quiz Pack

Our clients can request a quiz pack which can be delivered to their door.

A quiz pack is presented in a plastic wallet with the following items;

- Wordsearch Book, Crossword Book, Sudoku Book.
- Pen with a packet of assorted mints.

Home Movie Night

Our clients can request a "Home Movie Night" which can be delivered to their door.

A home movie night included;

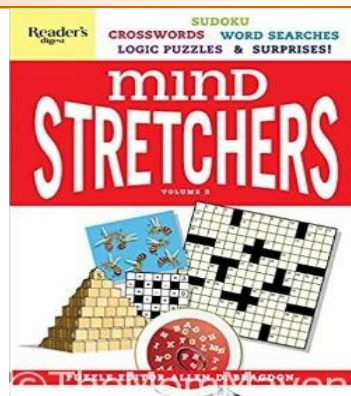
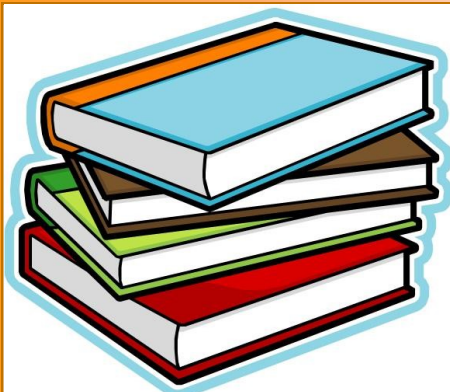
- 3 DVD's (movies) of their choice with a box of Maltesers.

IPad Loan Scheme

Our clients can loan our Apple Ipad creating an opportunity for an older person to surf the internet or to socially interact on-line with family and friends.

Drop-in

Our drop in runs in a Tuesday morning in the Swarcliffe Community Centre for any older person who may need to talk or need support with any issues.



Treasurer's Report

The financial accounts for 2023 - 2024 show another successful year for S.G.N.S.

The funding and support from Leeds City Council/Adult Social Care and various funders have been invaluable. We have used our money wisely in an area not classed as "inner-city" but which has all the deprivation characteristics of such areas and where Central Government resource provision is significantly higher than in Swarcliffe, Stanks and Whinmoor.

The Accounts Balance Sheet highlights the assets and liabilities relative to the status of funds over the last year and what funding the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme has to take forward in the forthcoming year.

All our sources of income are subject to close analysis requesting monitoring information to quantify the case we made for the funding. At a time when services need to be both quantitative and qualitative S.G.N.S. is meeting these requirements.

The core funding provided via our contract with Leeds City Council/ Adult Social Care increased which has given us the financial support to achieve sustainability while creating opportunities to develop new mechanisms of support and services to meet the needs of the local older people.

S.G.N.S. would like to say thank you to the following for all their financial support over the last year;

Adult Social Care/Leeds City Council

Leeds Community Foundation

L.C.C. Outer East Community Committee

Local Ward Councillors' M.I.C.E. Money

Windmill Community Transport

Donations From Clients & Volunteers

Fundraising initiatives by S.G.N.S.

Margaret Gordon
Treasurer



Accounts Balance Sheet

31st March 2024

The Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme

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Accounts Balance Sheet on the 31st March 2024

	2022- 2023	2023 - 2024
Fixed Assets		
Motor Vehicle	£ 9,795.00	£ 7,836.00
Equipment	£ 1,351.00	£ 1,013.00
Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments	£ 175.00	£ 00.00
Balance at Bank		
Main Account	£ 61,980.00	£ 60,575.00
Cash in Hand	£ 809.00	£ 991.00
Trip Fund	£ 2,576.00	£ 1,534.00
Fundraising Account	£ 17,938.00	£ 18,847.00
Reserve Account	£ 15,000.00	£ 20,000.00
Luncheon Club Account	£ 2,997.00	£ 1,371.00
	£101,475.00	£103,318.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	(£) -	(£) -
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£101,475.00	£103,318.00
NET ASSETS	£112,621.00	£112,167.00
FUNDS		
General Purposes/Restricted Funds B/F	£106,145.00	£112,621.00
Surplus for the Year	£ 6,476.00	£ (454.00)
Carried Forward	£112,621.00	£112,167.00

Note to the Accounts for the Year to 31st March 2024

Accounts policy: these accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities. Independent Examiners/auditor's report identified no areas of concern where accounting rules were not followed, disclosures fully made or accounting records incomplete.

I have audited the accounts of the Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme and according to the information and explanations given I certify that they represent a true and correct record of the 2023/2024 activities.

Mr R.D. Smith
Hon. Auditor

.....*R.D. Smith*.....

Date: *10 June 2024*

Mrs M Gordon
Treasurer

.....*M. Gordon*.....

Date: *10 June 24.*

SGNS would like to say Thank You to...

All..... The Volunteers and Their Families,
with out whose time, support, commitment and understanding,
this scheme could not continue to develop in such a caring and productive way.

And to..... The Staff of SGNS
whose dedication and commitment to the work of this scheme is immeasurable

And to.....

Adult Social Care Leeds
Corpus Christi High School
Housing Support Officers
Inside, Outside Child Care
Leeds City Council
Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF)
Local Fire Officers
Local Ward Councillors;
Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Jessica Lennox, Cllr James Gibson
Outer East Community Committee
Ross Travel Group
Sheltered Housing Schemes
Swarcliffe Community Centre
Swarcliffe Housing Office
Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL)
Virgin Money Bank
Windmill Community Transport
Windmill Health Centre
Yorkshire Housing

All the Clients and their Carers



The Year In Photos





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