



Winslow Big Society Volunteer Newsletter

June 2019



Dear volunteers,

Welcome to our June newsletter, and as always a big thank you to all you do for us. I am always reminding others that as volunteers we get as much from volunteering as our customers do. However recently so many customers have been telling us how we have changed their lives for the better, that we need to take this on board too. Your work is invaluable to others. Vron Corben.

News

The calmer summer months may be on their way but WBSG is still in full swing. Arrangements are being made for the Summer Play Scheme on **the 31st July and 20th August**, and there will be some new activities.. Our film showings, which have proved to be very popular, will also be a feature of the summer, but this time for children. Our wheelchair car is proving a huge asset to the community and is changing the lives of people who are isolated due to disability. Some of the stories told to us by users demonstrates how invaluable it is. It has literally changed lives for people who are isolated due to disability. Thanks to Richard Keightley who has taken on looking after the mechanics of it.

Our finances are healthy and being well looked after and controlled by Zoe.

So, in short, the lovely weather is on its way (hopefully!) and all is looking rosy in the WBS garden. To keep it this way though, we do need your help and also help from anyone you might know who is willing to give a little of their time. Please do ask around and don't forget to mention your positive experiences of volunteering with WBS and, of course, those of its users.

New leaflets are also now out, please ask if you could pass them onto new people to the town, or people in need.

Really Useful Guide

Sue has been working hard on re-editing this, and it will be out over the summer. Thanks to

the Town Council and 2 sponsors, this will be almost cost neutral.

Gentle walks:

We have a sterling team of leaders, but could do with more walkers. If you know anyone who is a bit unfit, or someone who is new to Winslow and wants to get to know the town, please tell them about our walks. Every Wednesday, 10am at St Laurence Room.

Cards & Games:

Please encourage people who like any type of board game or cards to come along. Its every 1st Monday, 2.30-4pm.

Befriending Service:

We now have 33 befrienders, but can always do with more, Are you good at listening and could make a regular phone call to someone who is isolated?

Keith who administers it also needs a few days of admin help to sort out the GDPR on the Directory of Services which runs in conjunction with our service, as a way of encouraging those who can get out, to do so. If you have IT skills and could give him about 4 days work doing this, as a one off, we'd all be very grateful.

Parkinson Group:

This is going from strength to strength, and the group are benefiting from excellent outside speakers.

On Twitter!

Please look out for us as we begin to add Twitter comments on line. Definitely we have moved into the 21st Century!

Volunteer Vacancy Board:

As with all these opportunities, the Committee will always support volunteers helping in a new role.

Summer play schemes, 31 July & 20 Aug.

Help required to set up, supervise children or make tea.

Children's summer film shows:

Weds July 24th : The Croods.

Aug 7th, 1.30pm. Hotel Transylvania 3.

Help with set up , doing refreshments and welcoming required.

Tea rota

We always need people to help with teas at our various events. This is a fun and easy activity where you get to meet lots of people.

Car drivers

It is always good to have a long list of people we can call on for various events and we are always in need of willing volunteers. Please do consider signing up for this vital service and encourage friends and family to get involved. You might decide to just help out at our own events, which leaves you free except for once or twice a month!

Coordinator for our wheelchair car

This doesn't involve a great deal of time but could make so much difference to someone's life. It would involve booking the car out and passing paperwork on to Zoe at the end of the month. The phone only rings about 2 or 3 times a week maximum, so it's not a big role.

Co-ordinator for film shows

We plan to show four films a year – two in the summer and two in the winter. The work involved wouldn't be too arduous as the

Winslow Lions kindly do all the technical details. It would involve promoting events and ensuring they run smoothly, and the systems are already in place to make this much easier. As these events have proved to be so popular it would be a very rewarding role.

Delivering the Really Useful Guide:

Could you take on delivering this to a few roads around the town?

Any new ideas?

Please let us have them!

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One happy customer!

