

REPORT ON VILLAGE CARE GROUP – MAY 2012

There are 12 members in the Care Group, most having responsibility for a particular road or area of the village. That means keeping an eye open for obvious changes, such as “For Sale” signs and noticing when new families take up residence.

We aim to visit newcomers, giving them a “Welcome” booklet and footpath map, and explaining to them that we are always available for enquiries of any kind and if we don't know the answers, we will try to find someone else who does!

The other regular help offered is for transport for such things as doctors' appointments, health clinics and hospital visiting. Ali Charman is Transport Co-Ordinator, meaning that if anyone phones her asking for help, she phones one of the many group members who have agreed to provide this car service from time to time. Ali will go down the list of names so that different people do the driving in succession and no-one has to do more than they can manage. Drivers receive a small remuneration for petrol. There is no fixed charge for using this transport service, but the voluntary donations we receive more than pay for reimbursement to drivers.

The fund that has built up over the years in this way is used to pay for production of the “Welcome” booklets and cards (some from Flower Festival displays, others using the beautiful sketches by local artist, Alan Lummis) created and printed by Julie Sore. The Care Group are extremely grateful for Julie's generous work for us.

We meet about 4 times a year for a general up-date of residents – newcomers, new babies, those in hospital etc. We are always happy to have new members join us, or allow us to put their name on the list of possible car drivers.

Periodically, we advertise ourselves in the monthly Newsletters, reminding people of what we do and who our members are, and giving the phone number of our Transport Co-Ordinator.

Thank you for listening!
Sheila Wright