

SCCCC News

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As we mark the 60th anniversary of SCCCC, we reflect on six decades of unwavering dedication to improving the lives of older people.

Founded in 1965, our charity has grown from a small community initiative to a beacon of hope and support for older people across Sheffield and Doncaster.

We are the link between our NHS and the community providing older people with a helping hand when they need it most.

From the very beginning, SCCCC has been committed to addressing the unique challenges faced by older people. Our services have evolved to meet the changing needs of our community, offering everything from support whilst in hospital, upon discharge from hospital and support in their own homes. Over the years, we have touched the lives of thousands, providing not just assistance, but also companionship and a sense of belonging.

More recently, we have expanded our services to Doncaster, where we have established a strong partnership with the Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Through our Home from Hospital Scheme, we work to prevent hospital readmissions by providing comprehensive support to patients as they transition back to their homes.

In addition, we have launched our latest initiative, the Good Neighbour Befriending Scheme, in Doncaster.

This program aims to combat loneliness and social isolation by connecting volunteers with individuals in need of companionship and support. Our volunteers offer regular visits, friendly conversations, and a helping hand, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

As we enter our 60th year we look forward to celebrating this milestone with our service users, supporters and volunteers.



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Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived, bringing these dark days to an end for most of us, however, loneliness can be a very dark place, especially for isolated older people. For 60 years SCCCC and its volunteers have been a shining light to thousands of vulnerable older people across the city, making 2025 a very special year.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary, we also look to the future with optimism and determination. Our mission remains as vital as ever, and we are committed to continuing our work with the same passion and dedication that has defined us for the past 60 years. We are excited to explore new ways to support and empower older adults, ensuring they live their lives with dignity and joy.

We hope you can join in our celebrations throughout the year.

Mark Storey, CEO



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Staff profile: Sabina France



What is your role at SCCCC?

As the Good Neighbour Scheme Coordinator for Doncaster, I am responsible for launching and expanding a service that has been successfully operating in Sheffield for many years. My role involves establishing the program

in Doncaster, ensuring its smooth integration into the community, and fostering connections that will support its growth and sustainability.

What does a typical day look like?

Currently, I am in the initial phase of familiarising myself with the charity and Sheffield's Good Neighbour Scheme. I have undergone extensive training and have been acquainting myself with

the team and various projects. Additionally, I have attended several community events, including the Doncaster Business Showcase, where I had the opportunity to meet numerous local businesses and promote our latest service.

What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

The most rewarding aspect of my experience so far has undoubtedly been the people – the individuals we support and the dedicated team at SCCCC. I have been warmly welcomed, and it feels as though I have been a part of this organisation for years.

I am eager to begin recruiting volunteers and processing referrals. I am enthusiastic about contributing to our efforts to combat loneliness and helping everyone find their sense of belonging.

Email: sabina.france@scccc.co.uk for details about our new service.

Leave a legacy of love and care

As we think about the impact we want to leave behind, a heartfelt way to make a lasting difference is through a legacy donation to SCCCC. We're here to reduce loneliness and support older adults when they need us most, and your help can make this possible.

By including SCCCC in your will, you ensure our work continues, offering hope and support to older and vulnerable adults like Marg for years to come.

Talk to your financial advisor or contact: ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk for more information.



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SCCCC - 4 Piece Badge Set
£6.50

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Pre-Designed
SCCCC - Coaster
£6.50

SELECT OPTIONS



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£14.00

SELECT OPTIONS



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SCCCC - Greeting Card
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SELECT OPTIONS



Pre-Designed
SCCCC - T-Shirt
£16.00

SELECT OPTIONS

Never too old to be bold.

We are delighted to have worked in collaboration with BIDBI and local illustrator Tasha Wright to produce a range of merchandise which captures the essence of growing older.

Celebrating the joy of living life out loud, embracing freedom, and embarking on endless adventures.

The range was created by the very talented Tasha Wright. The illustrations conjure up inclusive images of older people enjoying life to the fullest, finding their inner child and living life out loud.

Choose from mugs, coasters, T-shirts, badges or greetings cards. Messages include:

- Legends never retire
- Born to be wild forever
- Adventure never gets old
- Living life out loud.

Order yours online now:

[SCCCC - Doodle Bag](#)

Or scan the QR code:



Charity Calendar success

Did you see our first-ever charity calendar?

As a gift to our service users on our Good Neighbour Scheme we created, with the help of local photographers, a beautiful calendar filled with local images.

Each page was then sponsored by a local business which enabled us to cover the cost of printing and postage. Thanks to their support, we were able to gift nearly 500 calendars across the city.



GET INVOLVED...

Volunteers are the heart of our charity. We have a number of different volunteering roles here at SCCCC.

Good Neighbour friendly visitor – become a befriending volunteer, visit an isolated older person in their own home for a cuppa and a chat on a regular basis.

Telephone Support – speak to an isolated older person on the telephone on a regular basis.

Pen pal Scheme – Write letters or send in cards to our service users to help them stay socially connected and bring a smile to their faces.

Hospital to Home – Does your employer offer you volunteering hours? Why not spend them with us, working alongside our friendly staff?

Event support – Come along and spend a few hours assisting our Volunteer Recruitment and Fundraising teams at Community and challenge events.

Do you have a skill that could support our work? Become a Trustee and be part of an award-winning charity. If you can help contact volunteer@scccc.co.uk



LETTERS

Having people to chat to and connect with means more than diamonds and pearls and because of the support I receive from SCCCC I feel like a very wealthy man!"

Dennis – Service user

What are your thoughts about SCCCC? Share them with us.

Email: mail@scccc.co.uk

Make a donation today to help SCCCC to maintain the level of care that all of our friends and families deserve. Your donation will go a long way to improving the level of care in our communities.

£5 can pay for an emergency food parcel to be delivered to an older person's home who has just been discharged from hospital and has no support.

£10 can help provide emergency practical support for an older person in need.

£20 can support a fully trained friendly visitor to visit an older person at home - helping to reduce isolation and preventing ill health which can result in hospital re-admission.



If you would like to make a donation please complete the following slip and return it to us with your donation to: Unit 19, President Buildings, Savile Street East, Sheffield, S4 7UQ.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

I would like to make a donation of £ _____
to Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care.

Date: _____

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