

# SCCCC News

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## What a great year...

It's hard to believe a year has passed since we became The Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, Charity of the Year, but it has, and we have now handed the baton over to another lucky Sheffield charity – Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity.

This past year has been absolutely amazing for raising our profile and we have loved every minute of it.

From the President's Dinner and the Sheffield Business Awards where our CEO Mark spoke eloquently about our work; to more energetic pursuits such as abseils, golf days and even a 10k run, the fund raising has been non-stop and great fun.

We have had stalls at the Sheffield Showcase Expo and the Chamber members BBQ, all with the aim of telling as many people as possible how important the work we do is to lonely and vulnerable adults in Sheffield.

Steve Manley, President of the Sheffield Chamber and his Mum Bridgette paid a special VIP visit to service user Alma as part of our Good Neighbours scheme – it made her day.

It truly has been a spectacular year and we are extremely honoured to have been chosen and.... drum roll... nearly £17k has been raised!

Thank you



# VOLUNTEER OF THE ISSUE...

## Georgia Kent-Walters



### WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER?

I felt very moved by some quite staggering figures about the prevalence of loneliness across the UK. Human beings are social animals and no one should be denied the opportunity to connect with others! I came across SCCCC as an Occupational Therapy student on placement in hospital. I was amazed at what comprehensive support they provided. Society has changed a lot and our communities are not as close knit as they once were, but I feel SCCCC is bridging this gap, bringing people together and making sure support is there for people who need it.

### WHAT DO YOU DO FOR SCCCC?

I am a friendly visitor. SCCCC took some details from me, about my location and my interests and matched me up with a lovely lady I visit once a fortnight for coffee and a catch up.

### WHO DO YOU VISIT?

I visit Maureen, who is 83 and has some amazing stories about growing up in Ireland.

It's hard for me to put into words just how personally grateful I am that SCCCC was selected to be Sheffield Chamber of Commerce's Charity of the Year 2018/2019.



Working with the Chamber's staff over the past year on many diverse events has been an absolute joy and privilege. We have been able to raise our profile tremendously and have had a lot of fun along the way.

The funds raised as a direct result of working with the Chamber are almost £17,000 – to put that in perspective, that is more than 17 days of operational costs which have been fully covered. 17 days of helping lonely and vulnerable older adults in the Sheffield area.

Although we will be sad when our turn as Charity of the Year ends, we wish whoever is lucky enough to step into our place the very best...if their year is as incredible as ours has been they will be blessed indeed.

It has been a spectacular year and we are honoured to have had the opportunity to work with the Chamber's staff for 18 days over the past year.

Mark Storey, CEO

## STAFF PROFILE...

### Nasima Akther

**Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinator (BAME)**



#### What does your role involve?

Networking, promoting and raising awareness about how loneliness and social isolation is impacting people over 65 in the BAME communities. To recruit volunteers who have different language skills to support these people.

#### What does a typical day involve?

No two days are the same. A typical work day involves liaising with other charities who work with the over 65's in Sheffield, meeting with potential volunteers and taking referrals for our Good Neighbour friendly visiting scheme.

#### What is the best aspect of your job?

Giving someone the most precious gift of friendship and our volunteers' precious time which makes a huge difference in both people lives.

#### And the worst?

Trying to make people understand that loneliness can affect anyone, any age, anytime. It's not something to feel ashamed about. There is a myth out there that "BAME communities mostly live in a joint family; they look after each other, there is no loneliness or social isolation", but there is. Sheffield is a multi-cultural city, Arabic is the 2nd native spoken language but we are yet to find any volunteers with those language skills.

# NEWS – FUNDRAISING

## Curry to go!

In August, Network Chilli's Carl Brown hosted a curry cooking fundraising event at the Print Works in Sheffield.

More than 30 SCCCC supporters took part and enjoyed learning how to create a curry from scratch – the aromas were incredible!

Of course the best bit was eating the curries, the consensus was they were very, very tasty.

£291 was raised on the night.



## Happy 1st Anniversary 100 club

This September was the 1st anniversary of our charity lottery. So far, we have received £503.70 for the charity and paid out £354.65 in cash prizes.

This fundraising initiative benefits both the charity and the members.

For just £12 per year you can support SCCCC and be in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize. To find out more visit our website [www.scccc.co.uk](http://www.scccc.co.uk)

## Inclusion Community Care project launched, thanks to National Lottery community funding

Our Good Neighbours friendly visiting scheme has been running for over 53 years, supporting older people in Sheffield who are isolated or lonely. Volunteers are recruited to visit an older person in their community for a cuppa and a chat.

There are over 100 volunteers helping to combat loneliness in our communities.

Sheffield has become a culturally diverse city with many different communities. Lottery funding has allowed us to recruit our first BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) Good Neighbour Coordinator, Nasima Akther who will run the two-year project.

The Inclusive Community Care project will engage with and support individuals, aged 65+ from BAME communities, providing weekly visits and linking individuals into the wider community programmes and support available to them.

Nasima said; "This project allows us to be more focused and culturally sensitive to BAME communities across Sheffield, helping us to recruit volunteers and service users with particular focus on specific communities including; Somali, Chinese, Afro Caribbean and Roma."

# EVENTS

**Firewalk**  
**24th November**

**Volunteer thank you event.**

**Virgin Money Lounge**  
**5th December**

**For further information or to book your place contact**  
**[ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk](mailto:ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk)**

## Legacy Donations

None of us like to talk about death – our own or anyone else's, but along with birth it is the only thing we can all be sure will happen to us.

Charities like SCCCC rely heavily on donations and one way you could continue to help us, even after your death, is by leaving a gift in your Will.

Even a small donation helps us to continue our mission of ensuring that no older person in Sheffield is left alone and uncared for.



Charity of the Year 2018-2019



## GET INVOLVED...

### Could you offer a helping hand? Volunteer for SCCCC

Each day the Hospital Aftercare Team drive miles around Sheffield delivering equipment and helping to support older people whilst in hospital, on discharge and beyond. We are always looking for volunteers to spend time with the team to assist in the following tasks:

- Collection of personal belongings for patients whilst in hospital.
- Delivery of equipment such as mobility aids, temporary key safes.
- An emergency food shop.
- The moving of furniture to make way for a hospital bed in a patient's home.
- Feeding pets.

You would always be accompanied by a member of staff and the time commitment can be for a full day, morning or afternoon.

If you are interested, then please contact **volunteers@scccc.co.uk** for more information.



## LETTERS

*Dear All*

*I am so pleased you sent Mary to keep me company, we get on like a house on fire.*

*Yours faithfully  
Joan*

**What are your thoughts about SCCCC? Share them with us.**  
**Email: [mail@scccc.co.uk](mailto: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 of Community Care.

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Please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax then the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Tick to apply ☐

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