



## Charity's royal recognition of excellence



Once again, Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care has been given a royal seal of approval. After receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017 the charity was put forward to be assessed for the Duke of York's Community Initiative, a royal award presented to community projects based in Yorkshire and led by the people they serve.

The charity was visited by two assessors from The Duke of York's Community Initiative. They base their assessment not only on the good work a charity does in its local community, but also on how well it is managed.

They interviewed staff, trustees, volunteers and service users looking out for evidence of community benefit, diversity, inclusiveness, collaboration, participation, team-work and strong leadership.

The scheme was found to show real value to the community, was well run and an inspiration to others.

The news that SCCCC had been awarded the Duke of York Community Initiative was received 27 February and the whole team is thrilled.

Benefits of receiving the award include royal recognition of excellence; the use of the royal logo, which enhances fund raising credibility; promotion of organisational pride; business management support through workshops, mentoring and networking and also access to an in-house funding stream.

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**“We are delighted to have received royal recognition for the incredible work our volunteers, staff and trustees do to support our local communities. To be part of the initiative means that we are recognised as an inspiration to others, which for us, being a small charity, is high praise indeed”.**

*Mark Storey, CEO at SCCCC*

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A number of guests will be invited along to receive the award from HRH The Duke of York on 3rd April.



# VOLUNTEER OF THE ISSUE...

## Cath Knowles



### WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER?

I decided to start volunteering with SCCCC in February 2017 after my mother passed away aged 97 years. I like helping older people and from my experience of supporting my mother I had become aware of the problem of isolation and loneliness in our aging population. As I had retired from my full time role in Human Resources with a Leisure Company, I had more spare time to give something back to the community.

### WHAT DO YOU DO FOR SCCCC?

Over the last 2 years, I have visited older people at home as part of the Good Neighbour Scheme and regularly helped with administrative tasks in the office. I have also assisted the HAC team when they have been fitting adaptive equipment in people's homes or collecting belongings from home when they have been in hospital.

### WHO DO YOU VISIT?

I currently visit Kathleen who is in her nineties and now lives in a nursing home. We talk about her early life living in Manchester, her family and our membership of the same church. I do think Kathleen appreciates my regular visits as she describes them as a tonic.

Team SCCCC is starting 2019 on a high with the news that we have been granted the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award. The assessment process was detailed and covered all the aspects of our operation. It is testament to our fantastic team that the assessors were impressed by the work we do on a daily basis.



We won't be resting on our collective laurels though – there is still important work to do across the city to improve the lives and well-being of lonely older people.

The charity would be unable to operate so successfully without the help of volunteers, remarkable individuals who give their time to help others less fortunate. With more volunteers we could assist more vulnerable older adults in Sheffield, so if you have a couple of hours a week and would like to help, we would love to hear from you!

Mark Storey, CEO

## STAFF PROFILE...

### Dan Kyte



#### What is your role at the charity?

I work across the teams at SCCCC. On the Hospital to Home team I help make discharge from hospital easier, supporting them when friends or family are unable to. On the Good Neighbours Scheme, I visit older people for the first time, spending an hour or so to get to know them and ensuring their property is safe. Then we check if a volunteer is available to visit them.

#### How did you become involved with SCCCC?

Studying to be an Occupational Therapist, I completed my 2nd year placement at SCCCC. Myself and another student spent 12 weeks piloting a scheme that helped older people regain their confidence after a fall. This involved developing the outdoor mobility and shopping skills needed to achieve their goals of shopping independently.

#### What is a typical day for you?

Each day is different but usually we have a run of jobs in the morning then another in the afternoon. The jobs may involve, delivering and fitting adaptive equipment, grocery shopping, fitting key safes, feeding pets, moving furniture to make space for hospital beds, transporting people home from hospital and spending time with them to help them settle back in safely. I meet a diverse range of people across Sheffield and work alongside other healthcare professionals in the hospitals and the community.

#### What's the best bit about your job?

The genuine thanks we receive for our services. Also adding that extra bit of support, whether this be having a friendly conversation with someone who may not see anyone else that day or providing that bit of reassurance so often needed around hospital discharge. As a qualified Occupational Therapist, I have also had the opportunity to help develop SCCCC schemes, providing input on risk assessments, equipment use and moving and handling.

#### What is the worst bit about your job?

Getting stuck in traffic when we have a job to do...

# THANK YOU!

## ✓ Pizza & Prosecco Fundraiser 22nd Feb raised £437.50.

Supporters of SCCCC enjoyed an evening of prosecco and award winning pizza by Netheredge Pizza Company at their Kelham Island Pizzeria. One lucky guest got to make her own pizza and was shown how to use the pizza oven.



RAISED  
£437.50

RAISED NEARLY  
£300.00

## ✓ Cycle to the moon challenge

Staff at BT in Barlborough took part in our Cycle to the Moon challenge using an exercise bike loaned by Xercise4less. They raised nearly £300!

## But what about the pets?

Have you ever stopped to wonder what would happen to your pet(s) if you suddenly had to go into hospital? You probably have friends, family or neighbours who would be able to step into the breach – don't you? But what if you were an older person, your only companion was your pet and there was NO ONE you could count on to take care of your friend?



SCCCC were told of a lady who was very poorly but did not want to go to hospital because her only companion was her budgie, Bertie, and she didn't want to leave him home alone. We were able to reassure her that he would be looked after and that we would feed him.

Sadly the lady came to the end of her life and she asked to see her beloved companion. We cleared it with the hospital and were able to take Bertie in so she could say goodbye. After the lady passed away an Occupational Therapist on the ward adopted Bertie and took him home.

We were told of a patient who had been recently discharged from hospital, she had no immediate family or support in the area. She didn't have any money and had no food in the house for her or her dog, Star. We went to the local supermarket and bought Star some dog food. Our staff member, Gavin, made a fuss of him. The lady said Star was her best friend and that she usually slept on the couch to be near him rather than in her bedroom which was extremely cold.



**If you would like to donate to help us support pets in Sheffield please use the donation slip over the page.**

# EVENTS

Duke of York Community Initiative presentation  
**3rd April**

Sheffield Half Marathon  
**14th April**

A taste of Sheffield Cheese & wine fundraiser  
**18th April**



Charity Abseil  
**11th May**



Volunteer thank you event  
**6th June**

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.



## 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](mailto:volunteers@scccc.co.uk) for more information.



# LETTERS

*Dear Karen & Dot*

*Thank you for the birthday card received. So nice to be remembered. Spending so much time on my own can be soul destroying, so the visits by Anne are very much appreciated. She has now become a good friend.*

*So thank you again for introducing me to her.*

*Bye*

*Pauline*

### 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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