



Grand plans in place for special Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration

We are delighted to say that we have secured funding from Gripple Foundation to host a spectacular Jubilee celebration for the city's older people.

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. SCCCC will be celebrating this momentous occasion by inviting 150+ older people from across Sheffield to a special free event.

The guests will be treated to afternoon tea and live music in the stunning ballroom at Sheffield's historic hotel, The Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria on Monday 13th June. The invites will be sent to care home residents, SCCCC service users and a number of special guests.

When Gripple Foundation heard about the work of SCCCC they wanted to get involved. Lesley Wainwright, chair of the Foundation said:

"We annually donate a percentage of our profits to charity, with our internal charities team meeting regularly to discuss fundraising events and nominate worthy causes to benefit from future funding. We like to help out wherever we can, often focusing our efforts on charities and other causes that are less publicised and sometimes overlooked. So when we heard about the event SCCCC wanted to put on to support isolated older people and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we were only too happy to help."

Community Consultant, Kathy Markwick nurtures friendship lunches in venues across the city, and

will be working closely with SCCCC to organise the event: She said:

"I am delighted to support SCCCC with their special event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. We are all extremely grateful to Hermann Beck, MD of the beautiful iconic Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria, for supporting this very special event and to Gripple Foundation for their generous sponsorship. We are all really looking forward to the event, as are our guests."



Ericka Hill, Fundraising, Marketing and Communications Officer at SCCCC said:

"We are so looking forward to celebrating this historical event with those who were there from the start of her reign. Our older generations have had a rough ride over the past few years, so to put on this event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with them will be so worthwhile. We couldn't run the event without Gripple Foundation's support."

As we enter a new season we reflect on the past few months and the changing world around us. Our thoughts go out to the people of Ukraine at this harrowing time. As the UK returns to life as normal with regards to Covid-19, we are pleased to announce that we will continue our pen pal scheme that was created in response to the pandemic in March 2020. Keeping isolated older people connected with letters and cards from well-wishers across the country and the world is as important now as it was then.

We are looking forward to our Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in June, it will be a time to reflect on the last 70 years of her majesty on the throne. It's an ideal opportunity to gather together and celebrate this momentous occasion

with a light lunch, music and conversation. We are extremely grateful to Gripple for sponsoring the event.

We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter, stay safe.

Mark Storey, CEO

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Hear from volunteer Kate, who is a regular writer on our pen pal scheme

I've been writing letters for the scheme for almost two years. As soon as I saw the call for people to participate by sending mail to isolated older people in Sheffield, I knew that the scheme was for me. I have written letters all my life and know the joy that receiving a letter brings. Writing letters also brought such purpose to my lockdown world.

Knowing a letter will be sent to someone who may have little regular contact with others is also very rewarding. I think getting "Nice Post" always raises a smile and being able to participate in a scheme that helps this to happen is incredible. It's been fantastic to hear from people and I've had such lovely letters, including from several regular pen pals.

Sadly, several of my pen pals have passed away since I started writing to them. I have been incredibly touched to hear from their families, who have written to me to thank me for my letters. One family even sent me the order of service from their dad's funeral, which was so very kind and also represented the impact of the Pen Pal Scheme in reaching people in a meaningful way.

I've recently seen that a Pen Pal Scheme is being picked up by organisations in other parts of the country. I love that SCCCC is a trailblazer and that I can play a small part in this work. Over 4,000 items of correspondence have been received and distributed far and wide across the city, and I think that every letter, every card and every picture shared via the Pen Pal Scheme can be SO mighty!



To find out more about volunteering for SCCCC, email volunteers@scccc.co.uk or phone **0114 250 5292**.

Alternatively visit
www.scccc.co.uk/volunteer



DONATE HERE! Your support will help us provide a helping hand to over 4,000 older people in Sheffield every year. We provide simple, practical, emotional support – given with genuine care.

Staff member receives special recognition award for going above and beyond.

Gavin Furness, who works on our Hospital to Home team, showed initiative and kind-heartedness when faced with a series of challenges in the space of a few days.

His help included carrying equipment for a service user when a delivery van broke down and responding to a water leak in a service user's home. He also supported 86-year-old Kathleen who was distraught when a care package delay meant a trip had to be cancelled, and accompanied a colleague to A&E when they fell ill.



Mark Storey, CEO at SCCCC, said: "Gavin has worked for SCCCC for more than eight years, supporting isolated older people whilst in hospital, on discharge and in their own homes. He has always done this with care and dedication.

When hearing about the lengths Gavin went to in supporting both older people and his colleagues, I wanted to show him that his commitment was appreciated and rewarded him with a special recognition certificate, a bottle of wine and an extra day's annual leave.

We firmly believe that staff should be recognised and rewarded when they go above and beyond. Gavin's actions clearly reflect the values of SCCCC being committed, credible, caring and compassionate. We are proud to have such dedicated staff supporting isolated, older people in Sheffield."

Social inclusion for isolated older people

We have joined forces with local initiative, Laptops for all, to help get isolated, lonely people online in Sheffield. The scheme aims to supply free or low-cost devices and data to people who are missing out on life opportunities because they lack the equipment to go online. Our service user, 77-year-old Linda is one of the first to benefit.



Rehneesa Inez, community engagement officer at SCCCC said: "Lots of people out there don't have laptops or smartphones or WiFi at home. Having a device can help people feel

connected and do their shopping and banking online. Connectivity gives people a broader range of options and helps them reach more support services for themselves."

To find out more head to:
<https://www.ltfk.co.uk/laptops-for-all>



EVENTS COMING UP



GET INVOLVED...

Could you offer a helping hand? Volunteer for SCCCC

Each day the Hospital to Home 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 SCCCC,

I can't thank you all enough, it's so uplifting in these trying times to know there are people like yourselves giving so much help and care. Thank you all so much.

My kind regards - Pauline - 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.



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