

A tale of two Margarets



Margaret Ogle, aged 87, was referred to Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care as living alone left her feeling depressed. Now, thanks to our popular Good Neighbour Scheme, she enjoys regular visits and phone calls from volunteer and fellow hiking enthusiast Marg Neale, aged 80.

Margaret Ogle said: "Our relationship has developed over time. We have some friends in common as she lives round the corner. I love her honesty and we can talk to each other about anything. We often talk about our late husbands, as Marg lost her husband at about the same time as me. Unless you have been completely lonely like I was, you won't understand what an enormous difference she has made. Marg has given me the company that I needed."

Mum of four, Marg Neale has been volunteering for SCCCC for three years, after losing her husband,

Ted, six years ago. "We had been married almost 60 years," said Marg.

"I was very depressed, and I said to my daughter, Becky, I've got to do something to keep myself busy. She told me about the Good Neighbours Scheme, and I signed up from there. It's been great."

SCCCC's Good Neighbour Scheme aims to enhance the quality of life of people over 65 through volunteers who offer the kind of support a 'good neighbour' might give. The service is provided free of charge.

This time last year we were living through the first lockdown and wondering how we could keep providing our much needed services without compromising the health of our staff, volunteers, and service users. Thankfully, we managed to keep going and now we can hopefully all see some light at the end of what has been a very long, dark tunnel.

Lockdown brought the issue of loneliness into the collective spotlight, and our collaboration with The Sheffield Star and BBC Radio Sheffield to recruit more volunteers for our telephone support service was a great success. We're crossing our fingers that phone calls will be supplemented with face to face visiting when restrictions are finally lifted.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone - staff, volunteers, and those who have made donations - SCCCC couldn't continue providing our much needed services to Sheffield's over 65s without you!

Mark Storey, CEO

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Meet a 'Good Neighbour' service user



Fred Hall, aged 82, says regular chats with a Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care volunteer are one of the highlights of his week.

Fred said:

“I've been part of SCCCC's Good Neighbour Scheme ever since my wife moved into a care home when it became too difficult for me to look after her.”

“For me, joining the scheme was just about being able to speak to interesting people.

“I try to go on walks, and I talk to my friends and neighbours on the street about motorcycles and bikes. A friend drops shopping off for me every Sunday which I look forward to as she brings her dog with her, and I also have carers who visit me four times a day. But apart from that, I'm completely alone.

“That's why I'm so grateful for Beryl - my SCCCC volunteer - she rings me every fortnight on a Friday. We've built up a brilliant relationship and I like the way she takes a real and genuine interest in my life.

“We talk about how I am, what we've both been up to, how my wife is doing and lots of other different topics.

“Having someone different to talk to has helped my life tremendously and I'm really grateful to SCCCC for the support they are giving me.”



Daredevil skydivers raise thousands!

Five fearless fundraisers skydived 15,000 feet, thought to have been the highest tandem skydive ever completed in the UK, **raising £3,000 for SCCCC.**



Ericka Hill, fundraiser at SCCCC, said: "We're so incredibly proud of these five fundraisers, who've kicked off our fundraising year in style and raised an incredible amount of money to enhance the lives of older people right here in Sheffield. Like so many good causes, we're facing a funding shortfall due to many of our usual fundraising events having to be suspended because of the pandemic. But whether it's a run, walk, skydive or anything else besides, we're incredibly keen to hear from anyone who would be prepared to raise money for us after the most difficult of years."

A massive thank you to
Arron Whitehouse,
Joseph Price, Simon Cole,
Gayle Dooley and
Alice Skipworth.



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18th September 2021
£25 per person

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26th September 2021



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,

You at S4C's are wonderful to me, you ring me, come and see me, send me lovely things, take me to the doctors when I can't walk and even get me groceries when it's urgent. I don't even pay you!

Ann - Service user on the Good Neighbour Scheme.

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