



Spectacular Queen's Jubilee celebration is a right royal knees up

170 older people from across the city were invited to a very special Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration in June. Held at the historical Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel, guests were treated to a right royal day out with afternoon tea, live entertainment and a goodie bag.

Organised by SCCC and Kathy Markwick, a Freelance Community Consultant, the day was an opportunity for older people to get dressed up, enjoy a light lunch, dance and chat and celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign.

The Queen's representative Deputy Lieutenant, Kim Streets, spoke about the work of SCCC before raising a glass to Her Majesty and guests stood for the National Anthem.

The room was a sea of red, white and blue, glitter and sparkle with many guests wearing tiaras and party hats. Plates of sandwiches, scones, cream and jam were enjoyed with a proper cup of tea.

Musical entertainers Joseph O'Brien and Oliver Harris, got everyone up and dancing with songs from a bygone era. Guests were accompanied on the dance floor by amazing volunteers, from SCCC and Gripple Foundation. City Taxis provided free transport for our most vulnerable guests and SCCC staff were on hand to assist, chatting to guests, and making them feel extra special.

102 year old Ivy Richards told us what made the day so special – Ivy said 'I lost my son 6 weeks ago and it has made me feel very sad to outlive him. I felt quite low this morning until now – this has been wonderful and it has made me feel so happy – I am 102 and today I feel 22 all over again. Please thank all the people who have made this event possible as I have had such a lovely time.'



2022 is proving to be a very busy year for SCCCC. Our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event was a roaring success, with wonderful feedback from the special guests who attended, many of whom had not left their homes for years due to the pandemic. It was a real delight to see so many smiling faces, to hear so much laughter and to feel the positivity and happiness in the room.

Sitting here today in the heat of summer, winter seems so far away, but soon we will be making the decision to switch on our heating to warm our families. But for many older, vulnerable people this will be a decision they simply can't make due to financial restraints. Therefore, I am

eager to announce the launch of our Knit a Winter Blanket campaign, providing the vulnerable with blankets to keep them warm this winter.

We hope you enjoy this summer edition of our newsletter.

Stay safe

Mark Storey, CEO



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More of our Jubilee celebrations...



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.

Generous single bedding donations helps poorly older people at home



Foresters Financial members Elisaveta (Ellie) Spiridonova and Jo Hudson put together 50 packs of single bedding for older people who require a hospital

bed at home. When hearing of SCCC's need for bedding, Ellie decided to apply for a community fund, one of the benefits each member can access.

Ellie said; "Foresters Financial are not just a financial services company, they give their members unique benefits including helping support communities with volunteer grants and partnership activities. I wanted to do something good and support my local community. I knew this bedding would be put to good use by SCCC."

If you would like to donate brand new single bedding email ericka.hill@sccc.co.uk

Call out for clever crocheters and nimble-fingered knitters

We have launched our 'Knit a Winter Blanket Campaign', encouraging people to donate hand-knitted or crocheted blankets to help protect older people as temperatures drop.

This winter, soaring energy bills are set to have an unprecedented impact on the older people in our community.



With many choosing to switch off their heating in order to save money. We are pushing for people to heat themselves and not their homes. By asking members of the public to knit or crochet brightly coloured blankets, we can help to protect our vulnerable and brighten up their day.

Head to our website to find out more: <https://sccc.co.uk/volunteer/christmas-campaign-2022-knit-a-winter-blanket>

Volunteer profile:

Rob Southern – Good Neighbour Scheme volunteer

Why did you choose to volunteer at SCCC?

I chose to volunteer as I'm studying to be a therapist and I was looking for ways to practice the skills I was learning and also to help someone who needs some support was a bonus for that.

Who do you visit?

I visit John, an elderly man, who lives on his own and lost his wife recently and has lots of difficulties both physically and mentally.

How have you found it so far?

It's been rewarding, but also challenging. With John being an older person in his 80s, a lot of the things I'm learning about in

therapy come up when visiting him. John speaks a lot about death and being ready to die, which has been valuable learning and also valuable for John to actually be able to talk about that.

What is it that you get out of volunteering?

Mainly I get a sense that I've made a difference. John is very explicit about how much he enjoys the visits. Also, with that, because I see him for only an hour each week, it's amazing how so little from me makes such a difference, with just an hour each week there comes a feeling like more could be done.

How important do you feel it is that older people are supported?

Hugely, we're all going to be there one day, and we might need that kind of support, so I think it's very important.

Would you recommend volunteering with SCCC?

Yeah, everyone I've dealt with has been lovely, it has been very clear as to what to expect, I've not been surprised by anything in the role, and so it has been a nice experience overall.



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,

Thank you for the lovely time I had at the afternoon tea and Jubilee celebration. I did not expect to dance. I have danced all my life since I was a child. I now think I should start to learn to dance again and maybe my feet and legs will get better.

Sincerely, Brenda (GNS 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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