

SCCCC News

WINTER 2018



WE DID IT!

We're thrilled to announce that we have been selected as Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Charity of the Year for 2018/2019.



In our Summer edition we let you know the exciting news that we had been shortlisted for Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Charity of the Year 2018/2019. We were up against two other local charities, Lost Chord and Eden Dora Trust for Children with Encephalitis, both exceptional organisations in their own right.

Our CEO Mark Storey, resplendent in a tuxedo, Marketing, Communications & Fundraiser Ericka Hill and the longest serving (25 years) and oldest (87) volunteer on the Good Neighbours Scheme, Brian Gannon were invited along.

It's fair to say that with such stiff competition, neither Mark nor Ericka expected SCCCC to be declared the winner, so it came as a bit of a surprise to both of them when the President of Sheffield Chamber John Hayward, made the announcement!

In his acceptance speech CEO, Mark Storey explained what a difference being selected as Chamber Charity of the year will make;

"It will provide us with an opportunity not only to work more closely with Chamber members but also to promote our organisation and raise much needed funds. We see this as a true partnership where everybody benefits. It's not about a one year programme but about a long term relationship based on trust."



VOLUNTEER OF THE ISSUE...



When did you become a Trustee?

I became a Trustee at the start of 2018.

Why did you become a Trustee for SCCCC?

Having always lived, worked and volunteered in Sheffield I've got a real passion for bringing out the best in our amazing city and the people that make it. I am currently Health and Wellbeing Lead with Voluntary Action Sheffield, but previous to that I've always worked in older people's services. Being part of the wonderful team at SCCCC gives me the opportunity to help make Sheffield a great place to grow old which is something I feel really passionately about.

What do you love about the charity?

The compassion and unwavering dedication of all the staff and volunteers. I've always admired the work that SCCCC does and I know how precious it is to Sheffield; it makes me really proud to be part of such a caring organisation.

What do you get out of being a Trustee

One of the great things about being a Trustee is that I'm always learning new things, our board of Trustees has a really diverse skills set and we're constantly learning from each other. I get the opportunity to use my skills and time to contribute to the development of a charity that changes lives, and that's a brilliant feeling.

It is fair to say that the past few months have been exciting ones for SCCCC, with the news that we were shortlisted for two awards, the Chamber Charity of the Year and The Sheffield Mutual Charity Awards 2018. Followed by the donation of new wheelchair accessible vehicles to help with patient transfer, a move to new premises, and hearing we had been selected as Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Charity of the Year for 2018/2019!



Working with the Chamber of Commerce over the next year will allow us to greatly raise our profile within the local area and engage with more businesses than ever before. The Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness Report '*Combatting loneliness one conversation at a time*' says that there is a role for business leaders and employers to play in tackling loneliness and it calls for each and every one of us to come together to take forward Jo's vision of a less lonely, more connected world.

We are asking individuals and organisations to help us and contribute to tackling loneliness and isolation in Sheffield. You can do this by making a donation and any amount you donate, however small you may think it is, helps - so please, spread the word.

We are available to those who need us from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and our services are very much in demand, and increasing year on year. It costs £904 a day to keep the service running so that we are here for older lonely and isolated people when they need us. With all our services being free we do need to raise funds and so we are looking for organisations who would like to sponsor SCCCC for a day by donating the running cost.

Please help us - by working together we can really make a difference.

Mark Storey, CEO

STAFF PROFILE...

Dot Fisher - Good Neighbour Coordinator

My role is co-coordinating the Good Neighbour Scheme: the main focus of my work is matching lonely, older people with a specially selected Volunteer. This is known as Friendly Visiting and the scheme has been going for 52 years.

A typical day involves responding to e-mails from Volunteers, taking new referrals and supporting and supervising Volunteers



The best aspects of my job are helping to combat loneliness and working with our wonderful Volunteers. Oh and working closely with Karen the other co-coordinator of course.

Probably the most frustrating aspect of my work is not being able to find a visitor for everyone.

There have been many highlights in my 20 years at SCCCC but one very memorable event was a service in the Cathedral led by The Lord Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu, as part of our 50 year celebrations.

NEWS

We Have Moved!

At the beginning of October, SCCCC moved into new office accommodation at President Buildings, Savile Street East, Sheffield.

Our new location is within 10 minutes of The Royal Hallamshire Hospital and Northern General Hospital allowing us to respond effectively and efficiently to referrals across the city. We can also provide visitors with convenient parking and have stationed our new fleet of wheelchair accessible vehicles here.

Sheffield Mutual Society

Each year Sheffield Mutual Society ask their members and the general public to nominate Yorkshire based charities. The nominations were short listed down to the final 10 by the Committee of Management and then put to the public vote back in March.



SCCCC were voted 2nd and on 31st October we were awarded a cheque for £1500. The photo shows the cheque being presented to Mark Storey and Sharon Saunders (SCCCC Operations Manager) by Debra Roberts (Member Services Officer - Sheffield Mutual) and Dawn Gregory (Business Development Manager - Sheffield Mutual).

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sheffield Mutual and all who voted for us.

Voluntary Action Sheffield

It's been a year for awards as SCCCC was also nominated Voluntary Action Sheffield's "Make a Difference Awards". We didn't get through this time but were Highly Commended and we'd like to congratulate the shortlisted organisations and wish them luck when the winners are announced 22nd November.



JOIN OUR CLUB...

We launched our 100 club in September and have had a great response and have two delighted winners!

Members pay just £12 a year by direct debit and are entered into a monthly prize draw. They have the chance to win 40% of the monthly amount raised. 10% of the prize money will be pooled together to provide a large prize draw at Christmas and the other 50% will go to the charity. The money raised will help us continue to combat isolation and loneliness amongst older people in Sheffield. If you would like to join either download the forms from our website, email ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk or telephone the office **0114 250 5293** to request the forms.

EVENTS

Get on your bikes!

Visit our website scccc.co.uk/media/pdf/joining-pack.pdf to download a pack with all the information you will need to help us 'cycle to the moon'.



Or if cycling isn't your thing, why not join us for a night of prosecco and pizza?



The Sheffield Half Marathon

Have you ever fancied running a half marathon? Commit to raising at least £100 and SCCCC will pay your entry fee to The Sheffield Half Marathon 14th April 2019. We'll provide a running shirt, help you with your online fundraising AND be there on the day to cheer you on! Contact ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk for details.



These 8 fantastic people raised £1993 for SCCCC by running the Sheffield 10k.

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 volunteer with 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.

DIARY DATES...

February 4th - March 4th 2019

Cycle to the moon challenge

February 22nd 2019

Pizza and Prosecco night

April 14th 2019

Sheffield Half Marathon

Email ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk
for more details.

LETTERS

Dear Karen

Thank you for my birthday card. It is always nice to know that someone is remembering you!

I miss Ian so much as we were inseparable but I look forward to Jane visiting me each week and I am most grateful to you for introducing her to me.

With best wishes

Michelle

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.

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 7UG.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____. Postcode: _____

I would like to make a donation of £ _____
to Sheffield Churches Council of Community Care.

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