

SCCCC News

WINTER 2020/21



Thank you to all those who supported us in 2020



Hand sanitisers, PCs, food parcels, PPE, perspex screens, heavy deliveries and a partridge in a pear tree... Just some of the amazing things our supporters have donated this year.

And what a year it's been... just not the one we expected.

2020, the year of coronavirus, impacted our older people like never before. But as always our army of helpers came out in force to make the lives of our

most vulnerable more bearable as the pandemic took hold. Loneliness in all walks of life increased dramatically this year, but in our older people who were forced to shield, their usual loneliness was amplified.

Thanks to our supporters, we have managed to put a smile on the faces of our older community. Just to know that people have been thinking of them has meant the world. So thank you to everyone who has helped them this year.

As we close the doors on 2020, now is the time to reflect on what a momentous year it has been for us all.

We've had to adapt to new ways of living and working as COVID 19 has prevented us from doing so much that we have previously taken for granted.

I am immensely proud of the team here at SCCCC for the way they have conducted themselves during this year. Everyone has pulled together and we have found new ways to support both vulnerable older adults in our community, and our own team members.

The UK Business Heroes recognition is well deserved and demonstrates our commitment to supporting older adults in Sheffield - whatever is happening in the world around us.



As we welcome in 2021, it is my fervent hope that we are able to return to supporting our local community in a face to face way once more.

Mark Storey, CEO



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Pen Pal Scheme

Our pen pal scheme, launched back in March 2020 to keep isolated older people connected, has gone from strength to strength. Celebrating its 1000 piece of happy post received.

Members of the public, young and old, have got involved by sending letters, cards and drawing, with a simple message of hope, to those older and vulnerable people who are isolated due to the pandemic.

If you know an older person who is feeling isolated, or lives alone and could do with some happy post, why not tell them about our scheme? They have an option to become pen pals with a volunteer, sending letters to each other on a regular basis, or they can just receive a letter, postcard or drawing to make them smile. The only criteria are that they must live in Sheffield and be over 65 years old.

Please telephone the Good Neighbour Pen Pal Scheme and speak to Tammy Wilson on 0114 250 5292

Christmas card competition

In September we started the search for a new set of Christmas cards to share festive greetings and raise much needed funds for the charity. We invited local care homes to get their residents involved and Twelve Trees Care were our winners with these wonderful cards. We plan to sell the cards at Christmas, 2021.



Team Takes on City Road Race

Karen Redfern, team leader of our Hospital to Home scheme, will join colleagues, partners and friends on the starting line at next year's Sheffield 10K to raise much needed funds.

Karen said: "I really believe in the work we do at the charity and I want to support it as much as I possibly can. Due to the work we do here, I realise that as I get older I need to keep myself fit and active."

"I've never done a 10k before but I love a challenge. I roped the others in as I thought it would be good for team building. I'm also hoping it encourages others to sign up for an amazing cause."

Joining Karen on the starting line are colleagues Tammy Wilson, Gavin Furness, Sarah Kelly, Julia Walker, Louise Patterson and Rachel Snee. Karen's husband, Lee and Sarah's husband, John have also signed up.



After Christmas, the team plans on training together at various Park Runs across the city. Anyone taking a SCCCC charity place is also invited to attend socially distanced training sessions.

The Sheffield 10k will take place on Sunday 26 September 2021. To sign up for a SCCCC charity place, please email Ericka Hill at Ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk.



Royal recognition for SCCCC

We received a letter of recognition from HRH The Countess of Wessex, in response to an initiative run by The British Chamber of

Commerce to find UK Business heroes, those who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic.

Sheffield Chamber of Commerce's Tom Sutton, Head of Policy & Representation said "We're delighted we are to be able to recognise the valuable work that SCCCC undertake on a daily basis. In lockdown, it became even more of a challenge to provide support and a friendly face

to our elderly whilst keeping them safe. SCCCC rose to that challenge. Helping to source PPE at a time it was in high demand and adding extra outreach services to combat isolation and loneliness, are just a couple of examples of their exemplary work. The Business Hero status is extremely well deserved and recognises the contributions made from their dedicated team and volunteers."

The letter from HRH The Countess of Wessex will have pride of place in our office alongside the Queen's Award For Voluntary Service we received in 2017.

DID YOU KNOW
in 2020 we have...



supported over
2,000 older people



delivered 950
pieces of
equipment



installed 182
key safes



recruited 55
new volunteers



moved 140 pieces of
furniture to make way
for hospital beds at home

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 am a community care worker. This morning one of the ladies I look after got a picture from your pen pal scheme in the post. It was a picture of sunshine by Junior age 7. Just wanted to say thank you to Junior - it really brightened up her day and I haven't seen her so happy for a long time.

Anna

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 7UQ.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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