

# SCCCC News

AUTUMN 2017



## Register to attend the biggest event in our history!

**Staff, supporters, volunteers, service users - and most importantly of all YOU, the people of this great city - are all invited to join us at the biggest event in our history.**

We're calling on the city to turn out in force and fill the pews of Sheffield Cathedral for an extra special service marking half a century of Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (SCCCC).

One of the most senior bishops in the land, the Lord Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu, will be guest of honour on the night, which will celebrate our work helping older people in need since 1966.

It promises to be a moving occasion, complete with mesmerising harp music and a poignant candle lighting service, which will see ten valued SCCC supporters light a flame in memory of past volunteers and service users.

The event completes a special year for us, having been named winners of the prestigious Queens Award. The honour is given to local volunteer groups to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. We were overwhelmed to find out that we had won the award earlier this year, with just a handful of South Yorkshire organisations ever having received this royal recognition.

Mark Storey, Chief Executive Officer at SCCC said: "We would love the people of Sheffield, whether they have heard about our work before or not, to turn out in force and help us to celebrate what we have achieved in the past 50 years.



Photo credit: Peter Wastenholme

"More than anything else, this service at such an iconic venue will provide a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of our incredible volunteers. They are the heart and most important part of our work and generously give their time and energy, enabling us to provide much needed help to older people in Sheffield for more than five decades."

The Service of Celebration will be held in Sheffield Cathedral at 7pm on Monday 30 October 2017.

**If you are interested in coming to the Celebration Service, please email [ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk](mailto:ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk) to register your place.**



FOCUS ON...



STAFF PROFILE

**Name:** Ericka Hill  
**Job Title:** Fundraiser

**What is your role responsible for?**

I am responsible for raising awareness of the work of SCCCC and bringing in much needed funds. This is achieved through talks to community groups, organising fundraising events, building relationships with companies, supporters and service users and attending business networking events.

**What does a typical day involve?**

My days are very varied. I support those who are taking part in fundraising activities for us, apply to Trusts and Foundations, send thank you letters to all donors and take referrals for the Hospital Aftercare team. I also upload donated items onto our eBay site to sell, and manage the charity's social media pages.

**What is the best aspect of the job?**

The best bit about my job is meeting all the wonderful people who support our charity through their fundraising efforts. Getting the opportunity to tell everyone about the fantastic work that SCCCC does to combat isolation and loneliness is so worthwhile.

**And the worst?**

The worst is when the team come back from jobs and speak of the poverty and loneliness that so many of our service users in Sheffield live in.

It was a full summer for the charity, as our army of supporters came out in force for a string of fundraising events and our small team of staff busily started preparations for a major celebration service.

All the while, our brilliant volunteers have continued to deliver their outstanding service, providing our portfolio of befriending and hospital support schemes which I know are such a vital lifeline to so many.

But as summer turns to autumn and with the cold, winter months lying in wait, my thoughts always turn to the thousands of isolated older people who remain in need of support. Our volunteers already give more than 6,000 hours of unpaid work each year visiting older people in Sheffield to battle loneliness and isolation.

But due to a huge surge in referrals for all of our schemes, we still need more people to come forward with their time, conversation and kindness to continue our potentially lifesaving work.

We also continue to rely on individual donations, however small. The money



we raise not only helps to support the work of our volunteers, but it also pays for a variety of other services, including food parcels, warm bedding and the loan of funded equipment, such as end of life chairs.

So if the stories in these pages inspire you at all, I'd encourage you to get in touch and find out how you can support our work. Every little helps when it comes to continuing our 50 year old mission of helping those older people in Sheffield who are most in need.

**Mark Storey**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Volunteer of the issue



**Nicola Towse, aged 32, from Handsworth, has been volunteering for us since March this year.**

Nicola said: "My Auntie had a stroke and lost her independence, which made me realise how important it is to reach out to those in our community who may also experience the feeling of loneliness and isolation through no fault of their own.

"Every Wednesday afternoon I visit a lovely gentleman called Geoffrey, who is 87 years old. We talk about the places we have visited on holiday, especially in South East Asia (pictured). Geoffrey used to work in

sales, and as I do, we share that in common too. We also talk about our families and current affairs.

"Geoff says he always looks forward to hearing my friendly and happy hello as I enter the house. It has been lovely forming a friendship with him and I look forward to my weekly visit. He always makes us a cup of tea and we always enjoy a biscuit or chocolate that we take it in turns to buy as a midweek treat."

**We are lacking volunteers for our Good Neighbour Scheme in specific areas of Sheffield. Please see the back page for more information.**

## NEWS...

### School staff raised funds in triple peak charity challenge



**A magnificent seven school staff from Stone Hill School in Doncaster took part in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge for SCCCC, to help make a difference to the older generation having dedicated their working lives to helping young people.**

Jamie Christian, Key Stage Three leader at the school, said: "SCCCC does some really great work for older people. Both the charity and the school's work are centred upon care, albeit at opposite ends of the age spectrum. We will hopefully all get

old one day, so it's good to be able support this cause.

"The Three Peaks Challenge is also in line within our school's ethos, which is not just about keeping kids active but also showing empathy towards others. This is particularly important for those with learning difficulties. For example, we have recently introduced the Duke of Edinburgh award into our curriculum, helping pupils to undertake structured physical challenges, volunteering and learning a new skill."

### PIE AND PEAS CRUISE QUIZ

**Forty guests boarded a leisurely two and a half hour cruise up Sheffield's canals on a barge, in a floating fundraiser which raised £400.**

Cruisers were treated to a pie and peas supper as they travelled around the picturesque Sheffield canals, stopping at the Tinsley lock for some fresh air.

On the way back, everyone took part in a quiz, with winners - Team Canal Cruisers - bagging a trip to Thornbridge Brewery and a coveted trophy each.



### Top puds rated in sweet-toothed fundraiser

We recently asked sweet-toothed people potty about puddings to put their money where their mouths were!

Taster-sized treats were served up at 'Pudding Fest' - a fundraiser which saw ten sugary sensations competing to be crowned the prize pud at the

### Falls service to launch thanks to charity windfall

**We recently received a huge donation from former lunch club charity, Agewell - and we couldn't be more grateful.**

The £30,000 cash injection will help us to launch a much needed falls prevention scheme to try to tackle the growing number of people aged 65 and over who suffer a serious fall.

Falls amongst people aged 65 are common, but often overlooked cause of injury, which can be devastating to the individual. Whilst one in three over 65s are affected by falls, this increases to more than half of us by the time we reach 80.

Suffering from a fall creates a 'falls cycle', where the fear of falling reduces activity, which in turn weakens the muscles thereby increasing the risk of falling. Older people fearing a fall may become socially isolated as they are scared to leave their home. This cash will help to develop a confidence support program aimed at getting older people out and about again.

To donate to the falls prevention scheme, please use the donation slip on the back page, or phone us on 0114 250 5290.



end of the night, as guests were asked to rate their top dessert.

The occasion was fittingly given a nostalgic twist as it was hosted at Rileys & Co - a vintage shopping experience at the heart of Sheffield's Antiques Quarter. There was also music by guitarist Frank Birtwistle.

The event raised £350 and the winning pud was... Treacle Sponge and Custard. I'm sure we can all agree on that!



GET INVOLVED...



Could you be a Good Neighbour volunteer?

We are in desperate need of volunteers in Beighton, Darnall, Shiregreen, Brightside, Arbourthorne, Woodhouse, Mosborough and High Green for our Good Neighbour Scheme.

The scheme aims to help older members of our community, by enhancing their quality of life through volunteers who offer the kind of support a 'Good Neighbour' might give.

Duties include –

- Regular or occasional friendly (social) visits
- Holiday check (short term) for the duration of a relative's holiday
- Re-arranging furniture to enable greater mobility
- Occasional sitting to give a carer time to attend an appointment
- Escorting to hospital appointments

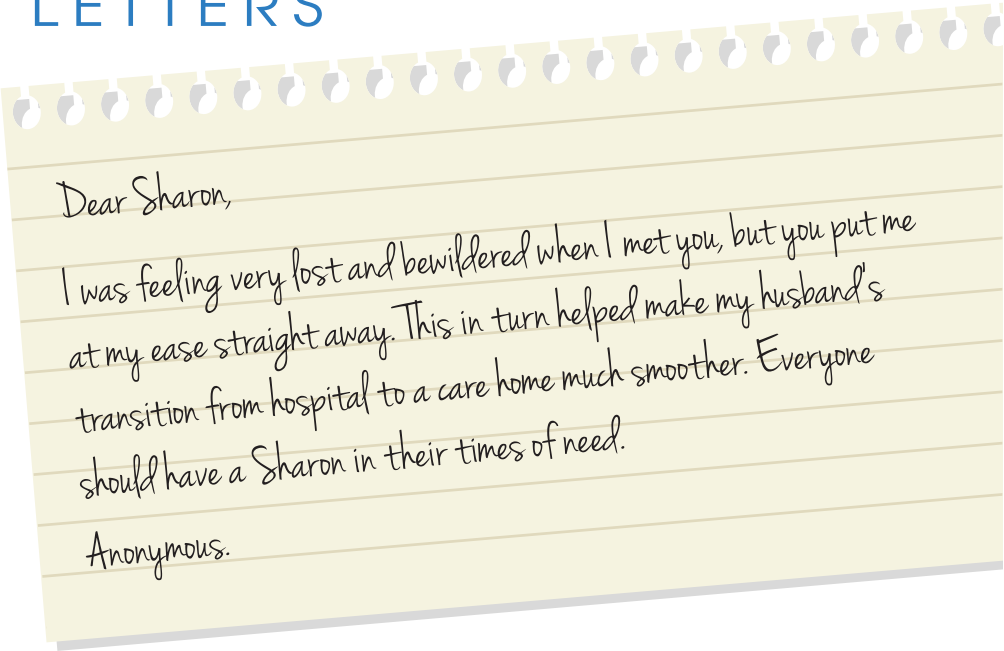
If you are interested in being one of our volunteers, please email [volunteers@scccc.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@scccc.co.uk) for more information.

DIARY DATES

Monday 30th October
SCCCC Service of Celebration
Thursday 16th November
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Email [ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk](mailto:ericka.hill@scccc.co.uk) for more details.

LETTERS



What are your thoughts about SCCCC? Email [mail@scccc.co.uk](mailto:mail@scccc.co.uk)

Can you help?

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** could pay for a food parcel to be delivered to an older person's home who has just been discharged from hospital and has no support.

**£10** could help provide emergency practical support for an older person in need.

**£20** could 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: 11 Holland Place, Sheffield, S2 4US.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ *giftaid it*  
to Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care.

Please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Tick to apply ☐

Please make cheque payable to: SCCCC. Do not send cash. Or visit our website: [www.scccc.co.uk](http://www.scccc.co.uk) and donate online.

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