

Way Wardens and Good Neighbours Initiative

Working Group Report

The working group has now concluded its consultations with other organisations in our community who are already involved in helping the elderly and vulnerable (Church, Deepings Medical Practice, the Friendship Club and Glington Primary School).

The response has been positive with no conflicts or duplications identified and there has been general agreement that the appointment of a co-ordinator will make an important contribution to the professionalism and sustainability of the initiative.

However it has not been possible at this stage to assess the likely level of demand for Good Neighbour services.

In the meantime, Neil Boyce, has advised that:

- The initiative has been granted charitable status.
- The constitution of the Trust has been completed and approved.
- Peterborough Council has confirmed the first year funding for the co-ordinator (Fund-raising for future years will be the responsibility of the Trust)
- Peterborough Council has offered to conduct training for the volunteers. A timing plan for this should be available in a few weeks.
- Following this training, the initiative will be officially launched and widely publicised.

The working group recommends that Glington should now join the Trust and begin the recruitment of volunteers so that they are able to participate in the planned training and that Glington will be ready when the publicity surrounding the formal launch of the initiative begins.

If GPC supports our formally joining the scheme the following next steps are required:

1. Nominate a trustee to represent Glinton
2. Prepare a launch plan (Working Group)

Independent of this decision, the WG recommends that work begin immediately on the development of a Welcome Pack for new residents. Everyone consulted welcomed this element of the overall initiative.

It is proposed the Welcome Pack should comprise:

- Glossy A4 2-flap folder (This will be designed to have long shelf life and act as a file for residents to keep useful information)
- A series of leaflets covering topics such as:
 - Welcome letter from the Parish Council
 - Information about the Village and its amenities
 - Local Schools
 - Church
 - Village Hall
 - Medical, Dental and emergency services
 - Sports and leisure activities for adults and children(Useful telephone numbers.
 - A copy of current issue of the Tribune magazine

Start up costs would be in the region of £100 and on-going costs £20-30 per year

It is envisaged that each Parish Councillor/Good Neighbour would be responsible for presenting a welcome pack to any new family moving into the streets in his allocated area.

The welcome packs would be held by a nominated individual who would be responsible for updating the leaflets as required and assembling packs when needed.