



Update from the Good Neighbour Scheme:

- 1) WGN carry out home visits to homes in Calne and the surrounding villages.
- 2) WGN offer a signposting service, including carrying out referrals to other service providers such as Age UK, Greensquare, Link, Mobile Opticians, Gardeners, Adult Care Services, Local Clubs, Church Groups, Meal Providers, Health Care Providers, Telecare Providers, etc. etc. etc.
- 3) Information is tailored to each individual.
- 4) WGN visit local lunch clubs, including CAMEO in Hilmarton, the Wednesday Club in Cherhill, the Derry Hill lunch club, and Tea4All in Compton Bassett.
- 5) WGN work with other agencies such as Age UK, Alzheimers Society, Adult Care Services etc. and where appropriate we carry out joint visits.

2 recent case studies/impacts:

1) Wiltshire Good Neighbours was contacted by a local hairdresser who had concerns for one of her elderly clients who had just come home from hospital following a fall and broken hip. The local Good Neighbour Coordinator was able to facilitate a visit to this lady via a connection with the local lay pastoral assistant. This lady was struggling with her memory and although a care package was in place with 3 visits per day, there were concerns about meals not being eaten and a lack of food in the kitchen. WGN linked this lady with Cook1More and straightaway introduced a neighbour to begin cooking meals twice a week. WGN spoke with the client's daughter and helped her to access a dementia assessment for her mother and suggested doing some online shopping. Subsequently WGN were able to take the Alzheimers support worker to make introductions. WGN were also able to facilitate getting this client integrated back into her community by bringing the local coffee morning to this client's house. This lady is now comfortable and happy and well-looked after by the community.

2) WGN has recently worked with a client that was introduced at the Cherhill lunch club. This client has health-related problems and has become very isolated and lonely as a result. WGN have been able to link her with a befriender via Age UK and have linked her with a Community First volunteer gardener who not only does her garden, but luckily enjoys a chat too! This client is reassured that she knows to call WGN if she is not sure about anything.



COOK 1 MORE A SUCCESS IN HILMARTON!

The **COOK 1 MORE** hot dinners scheme was launched in Hilmarton, a small village between Calne and Lyneham in the North of Wiltshire, in January 2015. Villagers were asked:

- 1) Could you cook an extra Sunday dinner once a month for a local neighbour who lives alone?**
- 2) Do you live alone and would love a home cooked dinner brought round by a friendly face?**

The scheme has been a huge success, linking many older, housebound and isolated members of the village with neighbours who are not only cooking for them, but providing invaluable social contact.



Here Ruth Geddes is pictured with Community First's Emma Dowie (GNC) and a lovely hot meal provided by Sharon Bissett.