Salisbury Area Board 30 November 2010

Feedback on Round Table discussion regarding Good Neighbour Scheme

1. Is there a need in Salisbury?

- Yes, not necessarily funded by Council
- Yes
- Yes, in Salisbury and its peripheral villages

2. If so, how could we meet this need?

- Possible link in with CAB or Age UK etc who have lots of knowledge already
- SCC could do this in partnership with Community First
- Enlist help from existing networks, such as doctors, churches, luncheon clubs, community centres, schools, milkmen and postmen. Not just for elderly, but also people such as disabled and young carers
- Bring back post offices and milkmen
- Be aware that strangers can be worrying to older people
- Strongly recommend to learn from past experience
- Eg, CAB project engaging over 1 ½ year period realised £1.5m in unclaimed benefits. Much learning re type of person needed – v. special with sensitivity, life experience and the modis operandi for identifying those in need
- Use existing resources where feasible eg. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators know the people in their areas and usually would know their circumstances and issues. CAB itself? Historically, they used travelling vans to engage in rural communities

3. Should we ask for a Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Salisbury?

- Yes, several please
- Yes, need at least 8
- 10 hours work per week is tokenism
- Use existing resources where feasible