

Partner Update

Update from	Good Neighbour Service, Corsham Area
Date of Area Board Meeting	25 November 2015

Headlines/Key Issues

- Corsham coordinator is temporarily covering Chippenham area, due to a staff vacancy and is currently supporting 12 clients.

- Recent work with the Care Coordinator and Cllr Whalley to support, promote and publicise Brunel Men's Shed. The Shed is now up and running by volunteers.

- Continue to facilitate a weekly coffee morning with mini quiz in Colerne. Encourage occasional speakers the most recent being a talk by the PCSO about avoiding being scammed.

- Attendance at GreenSquare Disability Forum.

Summary of service

A free, confidential service to help older people access the services they need to live safe, comfortable, fulfilling and independent lives.

The service aims to enable older people:

- Make informed decisions about their wellbeing and remain independent
- Keep safe and healthy
- Increase social interaction and inclusion
- Reduce confusion and inform best service choice

Help with finding information to access services such as:

- Support for staying warm
- Befriending services and social activities
- Where to get advice on benefits
- Transport
- Healthcare needs, such as home adaptations to make life easier
- Fire safety checks and home security
- Getting jobs done around the home and garden by trusted trades people

People access the service by self-referral, referrals by other agencies and through visits to social groups. The service is funded for 7.5 hours a week in Corsham community area.