



Community Council of Staffordshire

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GN/SURVEY LETTER

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Dear Colleague

Re: Good Neighbour Schemes –Staffordshire

You may be aware that the Community Council, with the support of Staffordshire County Council, has been involved over the past 12 months in a project seeking to address the issue of isolation and loneliness, often experienced by elderly, disabled or vulnerable people. This is a pilot project helping 6 local communities scattered around the county to set up their own Good Neighbour Schemes.

We are now trying to establish how many other communities in Staffordshire would like to set up similar schemes in their area and would be pleased to hear whether this is something that would be of interest to you.

The current schemes are funded until August 2014 and we do not currently have any commitments from funders after this date, but if a substantial number of communities express a desire to have a scheme in their area, this may help us to secure the necessary resources to set up new schemes.

I have attached a form to gauge the level of interest in a Good Neighbour Scheme in your area. I would be grateful if you could take the time to complete and return the form to me, by post to the above address or via email to: communitycouncil@staffs.org.uk

If you would like to learn more about isolation and loneliness, I would urge you to take a look at information available from the Campaign to End Loneliness, a campaign that the Community Council supports, website address: <http://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/>

If you have any questions regarding the Community Council's role in setting up Good Neighbour Schemes, then please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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Staffordshire Good Neighbour Schemes

Good Neighbour Schemes provide support for the elderly, disabled, or anyone who feels isolated within their community. The principle of the scheme is that local volunteers offer a service in their community for those in need of help and support; this can include assistance with transport, gardening or running general errands.

Good neighbourly activities take place all the time, but more and more it is found that the people who provide this support are elderly themselves and are under a strain for the ever increasing demand. A Good Neighbour Scheme seeks to spread the load and help relieve the strain on these people by attracting and supporting new volunteers to help provide the support needed in their local community.

Over the past 12 months, the Community Council has been working on a pilot project helping 6 communities to set up Good Neighbour Schemes and is now keen to find out which other communities in Staffordshire would be interested in setting up such a scheme.

To help us gauge the level of interest in Good Neighbours Schemes, please could you tick the appropriate box to indicate which of the statements below best describes your interest?

1. We would like to learn more about setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme. ☐
2. We think there's a need for a Good Neighbour Scheme and would like to set one up. ☐
3. We don't think there is any need for a Good Neighbour Scheme in our area. ☐
4. There is already a similar scheme in our area ☐

Please provide name of the scheme

Name of parish council/organisation

Contact name

Address.....

Telephone numberE-mail

Name of the community that you are replying on behalf of (i.e. village, parish or an estate)

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Please return completed forms to;

Community Council of Staffordshire, 1A/1B The Whitehouse, Chapel Street, Stafford. ST16 2BX
or by email to communitycouncil@staffs.org.uk

Is your organisation a member of the Community Council of Staffordshire? YES ☐ NO ☐