

Walford Community Support Scheme

Parish Council Meeting Thurs 16th May 2019

I'm aware there's a very busy agenda this evening so I'll keep this update as brief as possible.

Since our last meeting we have provided in excess of 65 volunteer hours for 16 shopping trips, 22 social visits or activities & 5 transportations to appointments.

We've visited Three Shires Garden centre using the Ross Action Bus, carried out our usual coffee mornings, on the second Tuesday of each month at Walford Church. We had lunch at Walford Primary, with staff & children, provided by the tireless Mrs Lawson. Last week we attended the Bishopswood lunch in the village hall, which was hugely popular with our Service Users, & we look forward to incorporating future lunches into our WoW programme of events.

There's a feeling at the moment, more than ever before, that there's a very real interest in what we've achieved here in Walford with our Support Scheme. The recent BBC feature, GP surgery support, Schemes similar to ours throughout the UK being referred to in the Media & indeed in a political forum too. And we're looking to build up a momentum on the back of this new, more intense, awareness of the need for Support systems, particularly in rural areas, such as ours.

Lots of changes have obviously occurred in recent weeks in terms of Councillors. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank former Councillors Sophie Hurley, Frank Myers & Dave Berry for their solid help & support over the past 3 years. I'd also like to say how I hope that this will be an exciting time ahead, with different perspectives & ideas for the Scheme, from the new Councillors. I look forward very much to working closely with some of you, with regards to new members of the Walford Community Support Scheme committee, & in getting to know all of you in the coming months.

Sarah Hayes

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