

Good Neighbours Scheme held October 2020. ( following on from AMERG and RHSS )

Update from CCC.—- Discussion on Befriending / Good Neighbours Scheme— -- To have a phone line , one number for everyone to use on the Moor, suggestion being 647247 ( as with AMERG ) for those who require help with eg. Shopping, dog walking, collection of medicines etc..... ? Perhaps Local Links Team could be at the centre of this — -- a conversation to be had.

Befriending from the Church has a team of 8 volunteers who have contact with between 25/30 residents on a regular basis.

CCC Hotline number 0800 783 1966 is operational 24/7 for help to access benefits, Mental Health , etc...

A member of the GNS team contacted Kirby Stephen re their Good Neighbours Scheme to see how and what they are doing. For them it's keeping things simple by keeping in contact with residents via phone ( pre COVID-19 it was with home visits. ) A list of names plus phone details kept in a ring binder was passed to which ever Volunteer was managing the phone line that day .

AM could do something similar , but once again a number of Volunteers would have to be recruited with obvious checks carried out. This would require a lot of work to set up . Volunteers could register and look for work. It is hoped that someone would volunteer to help manage the IT system and perhaps , long term a “ payback of help “ could be established eg. help with learning a specific IT system for shopping, or cooking a meal.

Even perhaps the development of a “ skills bank” , where the volunteers could go to when a resident requires something special.

A member of the team is looking into Membership Software eg Wordpress.

EDC. Councillor to be contacted re getting the youth involved , perhaps with phone line befriending through her work with them.

The group would need the following :- a Constitution, a bank account , and insurance cover for Volunteers. Discussion ensued as to whether this could indeed be a separate strand to AMERG and therefore possibly use theirs. ?

A Resident (GNS member) is continuing to do his Friday Night Quiz ( well done and Thank You ).

Another Resident (GNS member) is developing a “ Virtual Community Centre” where it is to be hoped to run various courses of learning, coffee mornings, news bulletins, keep fit, to name but a few.

Next meeting November. Elaine G.