

# Community Newsletter

Autumn 2019



*For and from residents of Bleadon-Hillside  
neighbourhood and beyond*

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Beechmount Drive • Copse Close • Faversham Drive •  
Hamwood Close • Haywood Close • Haywood Gardens •  
Oldmixon Road • Penarth Drive • Rochester Close •  
St Mary's Court • Totterdown Lane (lower) • Walnut Close •  
Winterstoke Road from Broadway to Oldmixon Road  
and others*

## **Information from the committee of Bleadon Hillside Community Association:**

***Cash deserts and ATM's*** It has been announced that towns and villages which lose their local ATM cash dispensing machine will soon be able to apply for a new free-to-use one. The move follows evidence that cash machines are disappearing at the rate of more than 600 a month, and there is some concern that the machine at the Tesco Express may be removed, as it is owned by The Royal Bank of Scotland which is currently withdrawing from much of its English locations with its bank premises and ATMs on the front line.

Link, which runs the nation's cash machine network, is now setting up a scheme to let communities bid for ATMs which will be funded by a levy on banks and building societies. Following their advice, should the ATM at the Broadway Tesco's be removed, Bleadon-Hillside Community Association will put in a request for one of the free replacements through either our MP John Penrose or the Council, who would it turn put in a formal bid. Success would depend on the number of machines in the vicinity and whether there are alternative sources of notes nearby, such as shops that offer cashback

Let's hope it doesn't become necessary to do any of that but, as we know a number of residents regularly draw on that cash point, we will take early steps to find out procedures, and then keep alert!

### **A Healthy Pension Rise**

Recipients of the State Pension look set for a healthy rise from April 2020, advise pension companies. It's set to increase at its fastest rate since 2012. It is estimated the pension will likely be worth 4% more. If the figures hold, retirees on the New State Pension will receive £175.35 (up £6.75 a week) while those on a full Basic State Pension will have £134.35 (up £5.15). Other benefits, such as Attendance Allowance, would also increase at the same rate.

Patrice here.....



A few weeks ago a couple, pondering whether to move into the area, asked me what the area was like, and were the people friendly! Of course I was happy to reassure them, gave them a couple of back issues of 'Community' and now look forward to welcoming them when they move in after Christmas. They were right to ask, neighbourhoods and fellow residents can make such a difference after all. Whether we see them as we walk the dog, or only when it's time to put the bins out, a good relationship with neighbours is important.

According to a recent National Neighbourhood Watch survey, many of us are getting along better with ours than we have in the past. 3000 homeowners and renters from across the country, including three from our hill, were asked a series of questions aimed at discovering one simple but important truth: what makes a good neighbour?

Four main strands emerged from the survey: "good neighbours" are kind, caring and respectful; they watch out for one another; they are practical and helpful; they are sociable and friendly without being intrusive. They look like the requirements for sainthood, yet I have repeatedly seen, heard and experienced these qualities in my fellow residents here.

It's clear from the results that, while a quick chat or a friendly wave goes a long way, the rise of the working family means the qualities of a good neighbour have shifted more towards practical help with aspects of modern life. Participants in the survey valued the help given by taking in parcels, dog-walking when the pet-owner was ill, keeping an eye on neighbours houses when they were away, and offering to help the less active with shopping. Speaking personally, my husband and I remain grateful to neighbours who helped when we were locked out (several times, don't ask!) and checked their security cameras for us. Yes, this is indeed a friendly place to live. - thank you everyone for making it the secure and pleasant place we can all enjoy.

# OUT & ABOUT

## **Telephones in cars**

Drivers are aware, we are sure, that regulations re the use of telephones in cars are being tightened very soon. Did you also know that, according to research by the Royal College of Physicians, even after a hands-free phone call has ended, a driver's reactions remain slower than normal for around ten minutes.



## **Learner drivers and phone use**

A fifth of all deaths on British roads last year involved crashes where a driver was aged 17-24, despite them making up just 7% of all licence holders, reported an alliance of road safety charities who also stated that (in their professional view) practicing on rural roads should be compulsory for all learners.

The rules for new drivers just in force also emphasise that drivers using a phone whilst driving and who are within 2 years of passing their test will have their licence revoked.



## **Help with reading needed**

Last year, a quarter of primary school leavers in North Somerset didn't reach expected levels in their reading ability, according to the charity Coram Beanstalk. They are looking for reading helpers who can go into classrooms and help pupils in local schools improve their reading and gain confidence. Volunteers will be trained to work with children aged three to thirteen during one to one weekly sessions.

"Children need reading help for a variety of reasons, and the volunteers will help, motivate and encourage them so that they feel positive about their reading and are better set up for success academically", advises Ginny Lunn of Coram Beanstalk.

Last year they supported 13,400 children nationally, with the help of 3,700 reading volunteers using a range of programmes.

By mid-2020 the charity aims to reach 15,000 children, but for that it needs at least 300 more volunteers. For more information or to apply as a volunteer, please go to [www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk](http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk) or telephone 0207 729 4087



### **This could be useful!**

Did you know nearly 5000 red 'phone boxes across the UK have been put up for adoption over recent years. BT continues to invite communities to take ownership of the unused pay phones in their area for just £1. With calls made from 'phone boxes dropping by 90% over the last decade due to the rise of mobiles, this is a campaign to keep them standing.

A number of the boxes have been very successfully adopted in the past, with uses including 'bring and swap' libraries and toy stores, an art museum and even "the world's smallest night club". Could we use one around here?

Well, it could house a life-saving defibrillator; which sounds like an excellent idea to us. Let us have your thoughts, please.

### **Next year's holiday?**

NASA has announced it will allow private astronaut missions of up to 30 days on the International Space Station as early as 2020. The New York Times calculates the cost of the holiday to be around \$35,000 per night (excluding transport). So start saving!




### **Hallo! Hallo!**

We are advised that 137 extra officers of various ranks will join Avon and Somerset Constabulary in a few months time, part of the 20,000 to be recruited nationally from next year. This is the first year and more will follow.




## **Anyone for Tennis?**

If you fancy a day at Wimbledon next year you will need to prepare now if you want to be at the front of the queue for tickets. Most of the show court tickets are allocated via a public ballot which anyone may apply to enter. Write to the All England Lawn Tennis Club, PO Box 98, London, SW19 5AE, requesting a ballot application form and enclosing an SAE. For Wimbledon 2019 these application forms were available from mid-September until 15 December and we are advised future ballots are likely to run to similar dates. All forms must be returned by December and you will hear late in February if you have been successful. The best of luck!



## **Home test kits could save lives**

Women in the UK are to be offered DIY smear test kits which will be sent in the post, can be done at home and then returned for checking. This has been made possible by the creation of a more sensitive cervical test, just as accurate as tests carried out in a clinic. It is believed the use of this test kit could benefit thousands of women who either have difficulty getting to their GP's surgery or are too embarrassed to go for tests in person.



## **Muntjac Deer. An alert!**

Messages have been received from higher up the hill about gunfire being heard from the Copse wooded area and the moorland beyond. This unfortunately coincides with the loud barking calls of the Muntjac deer at this time of year, which is the reason for this alert. These small animals with a big voice can usually be seen and heard in quiet woodland but they are increasingly spotted in urban areas and are, sad to advise, increasingly stalked in our area. Please ring the police if gunfire is heard or you have information to offer on this matter.

## **Calls, squeaks and bellows**

The Mammal Society advise in their latest bulletin that they are asking for help with the calls, squeaks and bellows of British mammals. They are compiling a library of mammal sounds nationally and ask if anyone has a good quality recording of a mammal sound they can add to their collection then please get in touch.



They add it could even be part of a film made by a gifted amateur with a section able to be removed for the database (as above) but simple recording of shrieks, animal encounters and parents calling to their young would all be interesting to the project.

*(Sounds like Weston seafront during the school holidays– Ed.)*



## **Have you a spare nest or two.....?**

One of the most unusual messages ever received here - Dr Charles Deeming of the University of Lincoln's School of Life Sciences is appealing for our help. He writes: "I am running a research project which looks at the construction, materials and thermal qualities of birds and small mammal nests. I already have some harvest mouse nests but ideally need quite a number more. I would also love to compare them with dormouse nests, indeed any nest constructed by a small mammal would be of interest, provided you know which species built it.

" I ask bird nest recorders to collect empty bird nests at this time of year because the birds have finished with them. The nests are just bagged up with info. on the location and species and sent to me. I happily pay postage". " My department in Lincoln have been working on better understanding of bird nests and have published several papers on our investigations. Now I am keen to compare bird nests with those of small mammals and hope you can help."

If you can help Professor Deeming by supplying empty mammal or bird nests, please contact him by email at [cdeeming@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:cdeeming@lincoln.ac.uk).



## Helpful Progress! The Copse Hospital

The long-awaited meeting for residents of Beechmount Close and Drive took place on 30 September, with a panel consisting of representatives from the Care Quality Commission, The Copse Hospital, a senior planner from NSC, the Police, Weston Town Council & our Community Association.

Local residents had good opportunity to ask questions and speak of the problems encountered, after various statements were received by and from the panel, the meeting being chaired firmly by NS Cllr. Peter Bryant. Those who attended later received a copy of the Minutes and those who could not attend have had a letter from Cllr Bryant about the decisions taken.

The biggest step forward was the decision to put a gated path in place behind the building, thus removing the need for patients and staff to walk through Copse Close. NS Highways Department are working with the owners, Elysium Healthcare, who will pay for all the work; the new side entrance will it is hoped, be completed early in the New Year

The Hospital Director, Charity Dube, wrote following the meeting: " We will be hosting community meetings at The Copse to give updates of where we are with the proposed new side gate entrance and to address any other issues that may arise. We will also hold educative sessions to give an overview of what we do, the kind of illnesses some of our patients may suffer with and the risk assessments we complete".

*(We hear the first of these has now taken place at The Copse - Editor).*





Charity invites residents to contact her at The Copse with any issues that arise, but is not there 24/7. However, residents unable to reach Charity can speak to the Neighbourhood Strategic Lead, Stewart Mason, who will be available out of hours, we understand, as well as day times. Please call his mobile 07384 518820 or email [thecopse@elysiumhealthcareco.uk](mailto:thecopse@elysiumhealthcareco.uk).

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## **Facebook Left Open**

The names and phone numbers of 18 million British Facebook users have been found online - the UK's privacy watchdog, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), said it was looking into the incident.

The massive cache of data of more than 419 million Facebook IDs was discovered by a security researcher on a server that was accessible without a password.

The tech giant has confirmed the reports and said it is investigating how the sensitive information was compiled.

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## **Refresh your Microwave**

Put a good slug of white vinegar (not malt) into a microwaveable bowl of very hot water and heat in the microwave - on high for five minutes works well. The acidic steam will pass through the vents and loosen any food particles there, or clinging to the sides, as effectively as more commercial products.

## NORMAN RULE AND THE FOLK ON THE HILL

*(Our in-house historian has been asked for more of Bleadon Hillside's older history and is happy to oblige)*

Over recent years we have learned more of the Hunter Gatherers, Romans, Saxons and Vikings in this part of the country. Then came the Norman conquest, leaving the folk on our Hill facing a time of great oppression as their Saxon leaders were killed or exiled. Their whole lifestyle as a conquered people took a different direction, though some of the language and traditions have continued alongside those of the Normans.



Power, greed and disruption seem to have typified Norman rule; their arrival has been described as the greatest social upheaval in England's medieval history, as they put an unremitting squeeze on this island.

Although most of Saxon England had quite a sophisticated form of local government plus a tax system, coinage, local justices and a strong military defence system, when the Normans took over William, once crowned, wanted more.

He wanted to know the resources and wealth of the nation and called for an in-depth survey of the land and assets. The resulting record, The Domesday Book, covered the greater part of England; all the towns and thirty thousand villages were recorded in a million words on 800 pages and in thousands of facts

A daunting task certainly, but the Normans were known for their able administration. England was divided into a theoretical seven Districts for the survey and 4 Commissioners were appointed to each District to oversee the survey. This area, with much of Somerset—

together with parts of Devon and Cornwall formed one such district.

The King's Commissioners and their scribes swept across their area with open hearings and careful record-taking. Six thousand people were called by local sheriffs to testify before panels of both Norman and



Saxon jurors. In this area monks from Glastonbury acted as the scribes as it was thought they understood the local dialect better than most!

Each holding was assessed by gathering the same information, no matter the size or military strength of the estate. It was written up to show the name of the Manor and previous ownership, how many hides of land per holding (one hide equals 120 acres) and how much woodland, arable land and pasture were held. The Commissioner's scribes even noted the number of ploughs and mills, rabbit warrens and fishing grounds, occasionally counting livestock too.

Although this was not a full census of people, King William wanted a record of them in a general way - how many Freeman (property owners) who would pay tax, how many Villeins (rent payers) and the number of serfs and slaves. All were counted. The wealthiest were reminded they should declare their military resources too, because of the constant threat of invasion by the Vikings. The final important question from the King's Commissioners was something like "What's it worth?"

The in-depth fact-checking stirred suspicion and fear between Saxons and Normans but was invaluable in establishing ownership and holdings for future generations, with the estates and land owners officially recorded for posterity. Of course it also helped the King in his search for tax money, land rent and the Royal tithe of other assets!

Domesday provided the first record of the existence of many small villages, so settlements in Bleadon and Hutton were recognised. What

did it record about 'Bledone in Sumersaeta' and our hillside?

That it was part of the enormous Hundred of Winterstoke and the headcount at the Manor Farm showed '18 beasts and 10 swine'. On 50 acres of steep meadows and rocky pastures (worth £15 it was claimed). 250 sheep were also counted - the area known as good sheep country even then, it seems.

The monks of Glastonbury had appropriated 15 hides of land 'for the Monks table' where crops and animals were produced to feed them. Remembering that 1 hide equalled 120 acres, that would have been a large portion of the cultivatable area of the hill. There was still room for small farms it seems as also recorded are a number of ploughs and the occasional horse, small flocks of sheep and more villeins, serfs and slaves plus 36 households most of whom would have belonged to a newly recognised group, the yeoman farmers - independent in the main but obliged to offer military help to the King when needed.

Over the first generation of Norman rule, land rents sky-rocketed and there were serious restrictions of the rights of people to live off the land, as previously enjoyed by the Saxon people. Places like Bleadon and Hutton were particularly hard hit as an agricultural area offering very little by way of mining or trading with the Welsh at the time. When the Norman overlords restricted deer hunting, fishing and even keeping rabbits for food the Saxons did not willingly obey (quoting their ancient rights). They were often executed or maimed as a result - the legends of Robin Hood from elsewhere tell it all!

So why go to such expense to make a detailed examination of the most remote parts of England? According to William of Marmesbury, an area historian and monk at the time, the Domesday survey was just an effort to increase taxation. That certainly seems the case as fishing rights, markets and hunting were all taxed and enforced severely. The Normans insisted the surveys and taxation were all necessary to protect the population against the Vikings, but I suggest they really wanted to show the Normans were here to stay!

## **Smokey Paws, a life-saving animal charity**

When Lynn Carberry moved to Weston-super-Mare from the USA six years, she didn't know that she and her husband, Paul, were about to set up an amazing new animal charity. Renovating their new home and discussing fire safety arrangements, she commented to him that the fire service would use a pet oxygen mask on their beloved dog in case of fire, just as they do in the US. He warned that we didn't have them in the UK; checking later Lynn was shocked to find he was right.

Quickly importing a set of per oxygen masks from the US they donated them to our local fire station. As word spread about their gift, people started contacting the couple looking to do the same and they told enquirers how the masks increase the chances of reviving pets caught in life-threatening circumstances. Lynn told the fire services the masks come in three different sizes and she has seen them used on dogs, cats, hamsters and snakes, up to pigs, goats, pigs, sheep and horses in America.



Spurred on by the interest shown, they set up Smokey Paws as a 'not for profit' organisation in 2015 with the aim of fundraising to provide pet fire-masks as standard equipment in every fire station in the UK. They run the charity around full-time jobs and family commitments and say that supplying the fire services with the tools they need to save more

animals is incredibly important to them as a family.

For further information or to donate, please contact Smokey Paws Ltd, Kemp House, 152 City Road, London EC1V 2NX. Tel. 07824 61053B or visit <https://www.smokeypaws.co.uk>

## The legal cover you may not know you have.....

*(Précis of a 'Moneywise' report by Martin Fagan received recently)*



If you have insurance on your home or car, then the chances are you have paid around £10 extra at the same time for legal expenses insurance (LEI). If you are anything like the average person you probably forgot about it the moment you bought

the policy however! 'Going legal' to settle a dispute can be very expensive as many who sue that uninsured driver, or perhaps their employer for wrongful dismissal know to their cost, forgetting about the LEI policy bought with their usual insurance cover.

The popular add-on to car insurance will usually cover the cost of legal assistance and, where necessary, court costs following an accident, and pay for a hire car whilst off the road. The household version, sometimes referred to as 'personal', often covers consumer disputes, serious problems with neighbours and personal injury cases.

Unlike conventional insurance, LEI doesn't make a direct payment for a claim such as pranging your car or drilling through a water pipe when putting up shelves as these accidents are covered by your existing insurance. Instead It covers the legal costs involved in a claim. These legal costs include the appointment of solicitors, barristers and expert witnesses too.

Technically there's no limit to the amount of claims you can make over the 12-month life of a policy which, we are told can pay from £50,000 (Norwich Union) of legal expenses for each claim up to £1 million (the AA). Remember, though, that insurers have to believe you have a reasonable chance of success - they are not charities, we are



reminded by the report. In fact, Ian Crowther of the AA's insurance wing warns claimants need a 51% of winning.

He has good advice to offer to everyone holding legal expenses insurance: "Even if you are not sure you are eligible to claim, you can still benefit by calling your insurer's helpline. If you realise an hour of a solicitor's time could cost you £150, simply calling your LEI's legal helpline for ten minutes easily saves you the cost of the policy."

*(The full report is held by the Editor with copies available upon request).*

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## **Insulin Spray Study**

Volunteers are being given an insulin spray as part of trials sponsored by the Alzheimer's Society into new ways to ease the impact of various forms of dementia.

Insulin is sprayed into the nose, where it can reach the brain faster without affecting the body's blood sugar levels. Scientists say the results seem promising - after 18 months on the drug, the trial group show signs of performing better on memory tests.

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## **Internet go-slow**

How often do you see people walking along, engrossed by their mobile phone?

Manchester has become the first UK city to introduce slow lanes specifically for 'distracted walkers'.

*"I finally realised people are prisoners of their mobile phones—that's why they call them cell phones!" - Anon*

## The Foodbank in Weston-super-Mare.

It was concerning to learn that nearly one in five under-fifteen year olds in the UK live in a family where the adults cannot afford to put sufficient food on the table, according to research last year by the British Medical Journal, so it is unsurprising that foodbank use is soaring nationally.

In its most recent analysis, The Trussell Trust - the UK's biggest network of food banks and with which our local foodbank is associated - advised that the number of food packs handed out had jumped 19% to a staggering 1.6million compared with last year. With Christmas approaching, foodbanks have begun to build up their stores for what is likely to be their busiest year yet. The message is that it is never too soon to donate ready for the festive period and that there is always a need for volunteers to give an hour or two.

Every emergency food parcel provides a minimum of three days' worth of nutritionally balanced non-perishable foods. The foodbank is also pleased to receive items not on the usual list, often including them as treats. Mind you, it's perhaps a good idea to check which items are most helpful, a local donor recommends. She tells us UHT milk and coffee, for instance, are good examples of items that all foodbanks regularly find in short supply and great demand.

### *What to donate:*

The following items make up a typical food parcel, which means they are the best items to give where possible, though of course all food is welcome.

Cereal	Soup	Pasta	Rice	Pasta Sauce
Tinned tomatoes	Lentils	Beans and pulses	Tinned meat	Tinned vegetables
Tea/coffee	Tinned fruit	Biscuits	Fruit juice	Sugar
Baby food	Pet food	Salt & pepper	Herbs	

## *And it's not just food.....*

It's natural that the first thing anyone thinks to donate to a foodbank is food, but toiletries and cleaning materials are also extremely important for good health. The following items are always needed:

Deodorant wipes	Toilet paper	Shower gel	Shampoo
Baby wipes	Soap	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Washing up liquid	Nappies	Liquid laundry detergent	Cling film/foil

The foodbank in Weston was founded by local churches, community groups and charities working together towards stopping hunger in this area. The project, supported by North Somerset and Weston Town Councils, was established in 2011, since when 23,500 people have been referred to the foodbank, real people from our town who have fallen into crisis. Well over 90% of supplies in foodbanks are donated by the public, we understand. To help food gifts reach the food distribution centre in North Street, Weston-super-Mare, food donation points have been set up in Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, and Sainsbury stores, some charities and local churches too.

Clients are referred for an emergency food supply by a number of front-line services such as schools, Social Services, GP's or specialist agencies. Nationally, foodbanks have often offered far more, such as cutlery, crockery, bedding and clothes. They have also offered basic cooking lessons, budgeting classes and parenting sessions, which the local team would like to develop further, they advise. In their own words:

"Today in Weston there are families struggling to put food on the table. For people with low incomes, a sudden crisis such as redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill can mean going hungry. These are real people facing real situations and every situation is unique. The food we provide is a short-term help. Being able to help with the bigger picture is the next stage of the vision we have for the Weston-super-Mare Foodbank".

## Know your Christmas shopping rights.

Financial services and banks want Christmas shoppers to be fully aware of their rights, especially when it comes to buying or returning presents.

"We don't want people to be left out of pocket because they think they are entitled to refunds when they aren't" said a spokesman. "Similarly, we do want people to know about the main shopping myths and not run into problems and delay."

**Myth 1.** *"Shops are legally obliged to sell me goods for the displayed price"* - Common myths surrounding retail purchases include the idea that shops have to honour a price mistake. While it is illegal to deliberately mislead consumers, the shop is not obliged to honour it for eagle-eyed customers.

**Myth 2.** *"My rights are the same for online shopping as in-store"* - No, that's not the case. An online shopper doesn't have a 'contract' with the retailer until the purchase actually arrives, even if they have received an email of confirmation of the order. On the plus side, online shoppers have a 14-day cooling off period after purchase, able to return items no questions asked within that period. Contrary to the common belief, in-store shoppers do not have the same right.

**Myth 3.** *"I need a receipt to return faulty goods"* - Not so! Both online and in-store shoppers have legal rights to return faulty goods and get a refund or replacement. However, you don't need to have saved the receipt in order to return an item to the retailer. As long as you have some kind of proof of purchase, such as a bank account record, this is legally sufficient evidence to return the goods.

**Myth 4.** *"All credit card purchases are protected by the card provider"* - False! Shoppers often believe that they are completely protected if their purchases are made with a credit card. To begin with, this is only true if the purchase was over £100 or under £30,000. Credit card providers will (under the famous Section 75) refund you if the company

you bought the product from collapses before the item arrives, or if it is faulty and the company refuses to refund you.

Debit card purchases aren't covered by Section 75 legal rights, but they do offer a similar form of protection under the card providers' 'Chargeback' scheme.

*(Thank you, Darren Williams, for this article - Editor)*

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### **A Great idea....**

A number of caring organisations provide a 'telephone friend' setup, where volunteers will regularly ring someone as a befriending service. This often means that both the caller and the recipient feel mutual benefit from their chats. Information comes from the charity Friends of the Elderly (telephone 0207 730 8263) and their scheme Phoning Friends. Most schemes, like that of the RVS and Red Cross, work in a similar way. If you feel it would be helpful to receive friendly telephone calls yourself, then ring the same number for a chat, they say. The idea is for volunteers to make regular phone calls to older people. Their aim is to reduce clients' feelings of loneliness and isolation and improve their sense of well-being. The volunteers take time to listen and share life's ups and downs, perhaps chat about current affairs and also listen to an older person's news, memories and worries.

In a recent survey 93% of Phoning Friends' clients felt they had made a friend, we are told. Knowing that a friendly person will be ringing for a chat can make a huge difference to one's outlook on life - sometimes for an older person living alone, with little or no contact from family and friends, it can be a lifeline. Volunteers are chosen for each client based on compatibility and similar interests, and say they get a huge sense of satisfaction from knowing they are making a real difference to the life and happiness of an older person, even through the hardest times of bereavement, depression and dementia.

All volunteers undergo thorough checks and references are taken and, with some phone services, will receive training in how to access other services or support as necessary.

Most of us know that a 25 -year anniversary is 'Silver', and 50 years are celebrated as 'Gold', but what of all the others? How many of these can you remember?

And birthday flowers - you may be surprised!

Wedding Anniversaries	
1: Paper	2: Cotton
3: Leather	4: Fruit/Flowers
5: Wood	6: Iron
7: Wool	8: Bronze
9: Pottery	10: Tin
11: Steel	12: Silk/Linen
13: Lace	14: Ivory
15: Crystal	20: China
25: Silver	30: Pearl
35: Coral	40: Ruby
45: Sapphire	50: Gold
55: Emerald	60: Diamond
65: Amethyst	70: Platinum

Birthday Flowers	
January	Carnation
February	Violet
March	Jonquil
April	Sweet Pea
May	Lily of the Valley
June	Rose
July	Larkspur
August	Gladiolus
September	Aster
October	Calendula
November	Chrysanthemum
December	Narcissus

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