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# **FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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# Christmas 2024 – Wrapped Up

What a fabulous end to 2024 for Shirley Neighbourhood Care. We were very busy elves preparing and delivering over 180 Christmas gift bags to all our wonderful clients as well as associated individuals we knew were in need of some love and care at Christmas time. A huge thanks goes to **SPRA, The Ros Harding Trust** and **the Wine Circle** for donating to this project and making it all possible. Of course, the project also could not run without the support of our incredibly kind volunteers. This was hugely successful and the appreciation and gratitude we have received makes the project worthwhile.

Shirley Oaks Hospital hosted a fabulous 3 course meal for around 21 clients which was greatly received. The food was delicious but it was the atmosphere and kindness provided by the hospital that made this day so memorable.

SNC entered the Shirley Methodist Christmas Tree Festival which was so beautiful and festive. A selection of our volunteers and clients created the decorations used to design our tree.

We took a trip to Polhill Garden Centre in November which displayed stunning Christmas decorations and everything you can need for the home and garden.



## **MARCH 2025 Film club – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Showtimes – 2.30pm £6 (registered clients only)**

**6pm £7**

**Booking lines open from 10am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please call on 0208 662 9599 or email [info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk](mailto:info@shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk)**

**Film club is held at the Shirley Methodist Church. If you require transport then we will try to book a drive for you for £5 return. Please advise us if you require a drive when making your booking.**





**SNC MAYFAIR – Coming  
back to the West Wickham &  
Shirley Baptist Church on  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**POLHILL SPRING TRIP –  
Once the date is confirmed,  
further details will be issued for  
you to book onto this trip**

# Lunch Club

**Good food – Fun – Sociable – Friendly –  
Wholesome - Togetherness**

Held in the West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church, Wickham Road, CR0 8EH, on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from 12pm-1.30pm. Our Chef Tania produces a fabulous 3 course meal and Donna, our kitchen assistant, supports Tania in keeping the kitchen to a high standard. Together they make Lunch Club a great place to be! Our brilliant volunteers assist you to your seats, serve you the meals and follow up with teas and coffee...and a good chat. The cost for Lunch club is £10 which can be paid on the day by card. If card is not possible then we can accept cash or cheque.

Please call us to join the Lunch Club on 0208 662 9599. We call weekly to confirm attendance and offer seats to those on the reserve list where space is available. This is a great place to socialise, build new friendships and eat good food in company with likeminded people.

We have lots of themed lunch clubs coming up in 2025 where we decorate the room, host games and get dressed up so feel free to call and book for one of the themed lunches which are always great fun.

Month	Lunch Club Date	Theme
February	Thursday 13th February	Valentines Day
	Monday 17th February	
March	Monday 3rd March	Pancake Day
	Thursday 6th March	
March	Monday 17th March	St Patricks Day
	Thursday 20th March	
April	Monday 14th April	Easter
	Thursday 17th April	
April	Thursday 24th April	St George's Day
June	Monday 2nd June	D Day
	Thursday 5th June	
June	Monday 16th June	Royal Ascot
	Thursday 19th June	



# Shopping Bus



No need to shop alone or struggle to get to the shops, join us **every other Tuesday** on the Shopping Bus to Sainsbury's and Tesco.

Our Shopping Bus will collect you from your home, take you shopping with the wonderful assistance of our volunteers who can also help carry your shopping. You will then be dropped back to your home and our volunteers can help get your shopping inside if needed.

The Shopping Bus goes to Sainsbury's on West Wickham High Street in the mornings, where you are collected between 9-10am and dropped home between 11am-12pm. We go to Tesco in Elmers End in the afternoons where you are collected between 1-2pm and dropped home between 3.30-4.30pm. During the visit to Tesco we spend time in the Costa Coffee located in the store to enjoy a hot drink, cake and a good chat!

The trip is £7 per person and we will call you the day before to confirm if you would like to come to either Sainsbury's or Tesco. If you would like to join the clients already part of this service then please call our office on 0208 662 9599

## Medical Drives

Our lovely team of volunteer drivers allow us to provide a service where we can drive you to your local medical appointments and return you home if required. We ask that clients contribute a cash donation for the drive with the recommended amounts:

- £4 for a local return journey in Shirley/WW
- £6 each way for drives to Croydon, Beckenham or Purley
- £7 each way for the PRUH
- £8 each way for Orpington Hospital

If you require a medical drive, please call our office and if possible, provide at least a week's notice to allow us time to book a driver. If you are a blue badge holder, please bring this along on your drive. Please note that any parking charges are to be paid by the client.



# Charity News

With Barbara Donegan leading the way as the new Chair of Shirley Neighbourhood Care, we have been busy behind the scenes ensuring the Charity is up to date on policies, fundraising initiatives and utilising it's connections with neighbouring Charities so we can support each other. Our primary focus in 2025 is fundraising and recruiting more volunteers to support with the shopping bus and medical drives. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our wonderful team and fill some time doing something incredibly valuable in the local community then please do call us on 0208 662 9599.



# Support SNC whilst you shop



We're delighted to let you know that Co-op Members can officially support Shirley Neighbourhood Care (Cause ID: 93020) as part of the Local Community Fund. The more members that choose our cause, the more money our project will receive.

The link to the SNC Cause Profile Page is

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/93020>

If you are a Co-Op member or are interested in becoming one, then please do vote for us as the more support we receive, the more funding we will receive to go towards transport cost. Our bus hires allow us to run a fortnightly shopping trip to Sainsburys and Tesco and to run outings and events, such as trips to Polhill Garden Centre.

So far we have received **469 votes** so please keep this going and help us to reach 1000 votes before the next newsletter...

Thank you for your support

# Our Mission

Helping older residents in Shirley and the local areas to live independently and combat loneliness. We are always open to new client's, volunteers and donations so we can continue striving in our mission. If you are able to donate to us, not matter how big or small, please make it to the following account:

Account Name: Shirley Neighbourhood Care

Account No. 00036690

Sort Code 40-52-40



