

Hope in Action

Volunteer drivers needed in Wiltshire

The global pandemic has had a very real effect on the work carried out by Wiltshire's 43 Link Schemes.

Link Schemes are voluntary groups which offer a transport and good neighbour service to local people who are in need, perhaps because they are elderly, disabled, isolated and lonely, single parents, or temporarily in need because of illness.

These essential services provide a safety net for those unable to access services in other ways. Link Schemes aim to complement other services, statutory and voluntary.

Link Schemes operate as small, independent charitable organisations and all volunteers use their own private vehicles. Insurance and DBS checks are carried out.

To give you an idea of the level of support the Link Schemes offer, last year they made 31,351 health related journeys and completed 48,027 'good neighbour' tasks which include collecting prescriptions and shopping.

Due to Covid-19, the Link Schemes have found themselves suffering from a large number of volunteers being unable to drive because of age and or vulnerability.

They desperately need new volunteers across Wiltshire to keep this vital service going in these times.

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