

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Wilton & District Link scheme supports a client base comprising Wilton, Barford St Martin, Burcombe, Compton Chamberlayne, Dinton, Quidhampton, Great Wishford, The Langfords, Teffont, Netherhampton, South Newton, Wylde, Stockton, Stapleford and Stoford.

MANAGEMENT

The Scheme is managed by a Management Committee which met four times during the course of the calendar year. The Management Committee comprises: (as of 1st Jan 2020) a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and two members. The role of Recruitment Officer and the carrying out of DBS checks is currently undertaken by the chairman. All Management Committee members have been DBS cleared.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Four committee meetings were held during the year apart from the AGM.

CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The Co-ordinators continue to do a sterling job. As of May 2020 we have 4 Co-ordinators each coordinating for a week at a time. Co-ordinators are: Valerie, Gill, Chris and Sarah, and on your behalf I thank them for carrying out this vital function.

FINANCE

An Income and Expenditure report for the year ending 31 December 2019 has been produced by the treasurer, April Slack. This has been independently examined. The mileage allowance payable to volunteers remains at 45p per mile.

Finance (contd)

On the 1st January 2020 we held a credit of £9835.77 an increase compared to the 1st January 2019 of £400.77

Drivers reimbursements totalled £8448.80 and passenger donations £6815.50. The difference between client donations and that paid out to drivers in expenses was £1633.30

We have placed £6077.15 with Shawbrook Bank in a CAF 12 month Fixed Rate Saver and this will give us 1.4% interest. CAF stands for Charity Aid Foundation and is a charity in itself.

The Gift Aid Tax rebate received was £493.01 Gift Aid donations totalled £3477.00, an increase over 2018 of £1515.40.

I am pleased to report that we maintain a healthy financial position.

PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR

2019 was another busy and successful year for the Wilton Link Scheme. In particular I highlight the following:

- **1104** tasks were performed by volunteers in 2019.
- **18775** miles were travelled by volunteers in providing a transport service to clients. An increase of 668 compared to 2018
- Wilton Link currently has 28 volunteers, of which **25** are drivers and 1 volunteer who offers befriending support.
- Link Outings Two outings were provided for clients. The summer outing was on the 3rd July to The New Forest Lavender Farm and Garden Centre and 23 attended. The sun shone and we enjoyed a very nice cream tea! In December a visit was made to Wilton house Garden centre and restaurant.

- The Link scheme is mainly advertised on take away leaflets which are located in both Wilton health surgeries, the local library, dentist and hairdressers.

In July a volunteer training and get together evening was held at the White Horse in Quidhampton and this was well attended

THE FUTURE

Wilton link continues to provide a much needed and valuable service to the people of Wilton and surrounding villages and we will continue to advertise the service so that as many as possible are aware of what Wilton Link can provide. The secretary, Stephen Long, produces 2 newsletters each year and these are sent to all clients. We are aware of the need to continually monitor our number of volunteers and advertise and seek new ones as necessary. It is worth noting that very few client requests were not undertaken due to non availability of a driver.

We are also always looking for volunteers willing to serve on the committee (there are no onerous tasks!) so if you know anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact us. It is vital for the future of Wilton Link that a strong management team is always in place to keep the scheme moving forward.

Signed by Roger Williams

Chairman Wilton & District Link Scheme

Dated: 12 August 2020

Election of Officers

The current committee are willing to continue in their role for another 12 months

Questions or Comments

If any client or member of Link wishes to ask a question or make a comment about any Link matter or any issue in this newsletter please contact the Link number or email the Chairman at roger2400@ntlworld.com or the Secretary at steve.long@live.co.uk.