

The Pershore Volunteer

Pershore Volunteer Centre puts volunteering at the heart of the community
to reduce rural and social isolation for local people.

September - October 2020

The High Sheriff of the County Visits the Volunteer Centre

On the 23rd September 2020 the High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Mark Jackson OBE, visited Pershore to meet people who supported the community during the pandemic.



From L to R: Pershore Town Mayor (Chris Parsons), Eric Wiles Chair of PVC, The High Sheriff, Andrew Machin, Jane Machin and Donna King, PVC Manager.

This included a visit to Pershore Volunteer Centre to meet Eric (Chair) Donna (Manager) and some of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to support the local community with prescription collection/delivery, shopping, telephone befriending and in so many ways.

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Happy Birthday!



*Many of our wonderful
volunteers have celebrated
birthdays in recent months.
We send our warmest wishes
and congratulations to you
all.*



March

Carmela Bray Graham Bury Robert Cockrell Colin Davis Gerald Roberts
Andy Walton Ted Williams

April

David Doyle Malcolm Gribble John Porter Bryan Russell

May

Jeanette Dowling Sue Nutting Barry Peach Michael Porteus

June

Graham Anderson Betty Cave Martin Dickinson Caroline Douglas
Stephanie Elphick Lyn Heath Carol Kingston Patricia Lowe
Iam Middleton

July

Jean Cottam Colin Davidson Reuben Oldham John Payne Richard Plummer
Derek Potter Derek Skeys Beryl Smout Derrick Watt Paul Wylie

August

Valerie Brown Ann Cook Steve Grainger Margaret Kearney
Murdo Macdonald Andrew Machin Graham Macmillan Joan May
Mary Newland Pam Pike Annie Potter Kate Redfern John Roskelly
Ian Wood

September

Ian Downey Olive Hall Paul Haywood Andrew Hollis Trevor Hunt
Anna Taylor Kate Walton

October

Margaret Ferris Chris Haseley Mavis James Sue Jeavons Jeanette Smith
Liz Staveley Judith Sydney



A Volunteering Experience – Prescription Delivering in Pershore

In March when the country went into lockdown many wonderful Pershore people who were fit and able in Pershore came forward to sign up as volunteers with us to help people who were vulnerable and shielding, and our heartfelt thanks go out to all those volunteers who have helped us. Andrew and Jane Machin are two of them.

Andrew was already a volunteer Scheme, and together with his wife the support we have been able to over the last 6 months.

Jane has called in to the Volunteer weekday since the end of March names and addresses of people prescriptions were ready for



driver with our Social Car Jane they have been integral to provide for people of Pershore

Centre office almost every rain or shine to collect the list of who have phoned to tell us their collection.

To-date Andrew and Jane have delivered prescriptions to nearly 600 Pershore residents. It may sometimes be only one prescription per person, but frequently one person may need two or three separate items of medication, so the true number of prescriptions Andrew and Jane have delivered is far in excess of this number. Hence the need for a car!

Andrew meets Jane with the car at Boots in Pershore High Street at 12pm when she has collected the items, and together they set off to safely deliver the prescriptions to the people who are unable to collect their own.

Andrew and Jane's commitment to the cause has been so appreciated both by us all at PVC and by the many residents of Pershore that they have helped. In the early days of the pandemic, during total lockdown Jane's friendly face may have been the only one someone had seen that day, or for a couple of days, and many people have told us their medication has always been delivered with a friendly 'socially distanced' word and a smile.

Andrew and Jane said *'We have enjoyed giving some contact to people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason; not just delivering the prescriptions but giving them the chance to have a little chat or just a wave and a smile. We're happy to continue as long as we're needed'*

With the increasing number of Covid cases being reported we anticipate you may be needed for some time to come.



Successful Crowdfunding Campaign!



In the middle of July, and with a lot of persuasion and support from Wychavon District Council, we dipped our toes and keyboard fingers into the realms of crowdfunding with a campaign to cover some of the income we lost during lockdown. With a lot of hard work and nail-biting, we managed to reach our target of £7250 just a few days before the deadline of the end of August, so well done to everyone who supported us.

We give thanks to Pershore Civic Society for a donation of £200 “in recognition of the great work you are doing for the people of Pershore”.

You may (or may not) remember that we included a newsletter item around this time last year to let you know that we were one of the chosen charities for the Co-op’s Local Community Fund. Not only was it a long time ago, but an awful lot has happened in the meantime, and shopping for the essentials has been - and probably still is - the main priority for most of us. However, we’ve just received a reminder from the Co-op that their Local Community Fund closes on 24th October, so there are now only about 3 weeks until the end of this year’s round, and there’s currently over £7000 unallocated within the community fund, and we’d definitely like a share of that money.



The way it works is that Co-op Members choose a local cause, and every time a member buys selected own-brand products and services, 1% of the money they spend goes to the local causes in their community. So if you’re already a Co-op Member, please log-in to your account and update your selected local cause **Pershore Volunteer Centre**, and if you’re not already a member, you can join on-line at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.

We were one of the chosen charities a few years ago and received over £3000 from the fund, so let’s see if we can raise even more money than last time!

Please keep shopping at the Co-op and buying their own brand products or services – and encourage your friends, neighbours and family to become Co-op Members too.



Congratulations!

Here are the winners of our recent monthly draws

August

£20 Ken Nutting
£15 Jeanette Smith
£5 June Herbert
£5 Sue Chandler
£5 Doreen Jopp

September

£20 Bery Smout
£15 Samantha Nutting
£5 Jeanette Middleton
£5 Stephanie Elphick
£5 Brenda Golcher

Congratulations to you all and a special thank you to those winners who have re-donated their winnings back to Pershore Volunteer Centre- it is greatly appreciated!

Our thanks also go to:

Mr & Mrs Cave, John Coss, M Waring, P Smith, Mrs & Mrs Clasen, Mr Badger, Mr & Mrs Hunt, G.Martin, S Charlton, M Wheatley, M MacDonald, Pam Pike, Mrs J Juliff

Coronavirus Comments!

As of today (24th September) we are legally obliged to display a QR code for anyone entering the office to scan (QR poster displayed in reception) they/we then Log in using the form provided for NHS track and Trace purposes.

What's a QR code? It's something like this:



It can be scanned by an "app" on your mobile phone and can be used for a number of purposes. In this case it can be used by the Centre to record your arrival in case you have to be notified of a potential contact. It can also connect to the new NHS Covid-19 "app".

The Centre is totally committed to the safety and well-being of us all. Please be sure to follow all the procedures carefully.

We thank you all so much for your efforts on behalf of our community and we wish you and your families the best of health and happiness in these difficult times.

