

Responding to the Elderly and Isolated Residents

In the Allenton Big Local Area

10th October 2017

This year, with the assistance of TARA, we have run coffee mornings and outings for the residents in our area. We have had varying degrees of success, however in the main it has been very successful with more people hearing about it and coming along on a regular basis. We have also been joined by STEPS who come along to Slaney Close coffee mornings while they await the facilities at the Hub to be completed. Taking requests and then making the coffee enables these young disadvantaged people to gain experience in life skills.

We have been to the National Memorial Arboretum, a trip that taught me a few skills in managing a party of individuals with different ideas and all wanting to do them at the same time! However the resultant thanks for a lovely day was worth it. We have organised a trip to the "Follies" in November in conjunction with Alvaston Carers.

The transport we provide each week and on trips is much appreciated by those who need it.

We have had new leaflets produced as we have changed the days and venues to suit our clientele so we are at Slaney Close the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Handyside Court on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month. If there is a 5th Wednesday we have that one free.

The company and friendship, along with the chat, makes for less isolation and, whether partially sighted, walking difficulties or health reasons, makes for good company.

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