

**Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Good Neighbour Scheme  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30pm**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b> Judith Harrison welcomed 26 people to the Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) AGM. Apologies in advance were received from Lynn and Mervyn Greenhalgh, Mary Cheyney, Joan Bertram and Stuart and Sue Taylor.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the 7th AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023</b> The minutes of the previous AGM were available for all to read and asked to sign off and agree the record of the meeting. These have been previously read and agreed by the Steering Group and were proposed by Helen Horne and seconded by Miranda Brookes.</p>
<b>3 to 8</b>	<p><b>Summaries of the Year</b> Summaries of year 7 of the GNS were presented with news, successes and many thanks were shared, as follows: Copies of all reports attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the year – Judith Harrison</li> <li>• Befriending – Su McFarlane</li> <li>• Community Wheelchairs – Miranda Brookes</li> <li>• Statistics – Tricia Shakespeare</li> <li>• Events – Jo Atkinson</li> <li>• Finance – Judith Harrison</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Election of Officers</b> Miranda Brookes led us through the Election of Officers for key roles in the Steering Group. All currently serving on the Steering Group are happy to continue. Roles needing re-election were as follows: Chair: Judith Harrison. Ted Chapman proposed and Bob Young seconded the appointment. Secretary: Jo Atkinson. Claire Ayres proposed and Sue Young seconded. Treasurer: Judith Harrison. Tricia Shakespeare proposed and Sian Mollart seconded. Safeguarding: Helen Horne. Judith Harrison proposed and Antonia Barbieri seconded.</p> <p>Miranda added that if anyone would be interested in joining the Steering Group in the future they would be very welcome and to speak to anyone in the group for more information.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Question and Answer, and Discussion Session</b> A question was asked whether there are any future areas that the GNS would like to get involved with or future developments in the pipeline? The service has always been demand led, we've previously responded to need and developed services based on that.</p> <p>Discussion about volunteers at Loughborough University and the events that they put on; the befriending team have taken some clients to this before and it would be great to take advantage of this again next year.</p> <p>We have recently helped a lady get a Blue Badge and this has been a great help for both the client and driver. If any driver is with a client that could benefit from having a Blue Badge, please encourage them to speak to the GNS, as we can support with this.</p> <p>We could do with more male volunteers for the scheme. Steering Group agreed that we have a lot more female volunteers at the moment. Maybe we could use a Roundabout article to specifically target male volunteers and befrienders?</p>

	<p>Discussion about whether the scheme could benefit from a motorised wheelchair. Agreed that sometimes it's difficult pushing a client uphill in a wheelchair but motorised chairs are both expensive and don't fold and so are difficult for us to manage. Could we get one with a removeable motor? The Steering Group will look into it.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Closing statement</b></p> <p>Judith thanked all for attending this very positive meeting, comments about the scheme included "Absolutely marvellous" and "The best thing since sliced bread".</p> <p>Thanks also went to the Steering Group and the volunteers for all their work over the last year.</p>