

The Good Neighbours –Rural Peterborough Trust was set up in 2019 to support vulnerable and/or isolated residents of rural Peterborough where family and friends are unable to do so. The overall aim is to improve people's general health and well-being, giving the ability to stay at home more safely and for longer in a supportive community.

This involves providing volunteer services such as transport to medical appointments, telephone befriending, prescription delivery and signposting to services. Additional support will once again be available when COVID restrictions are lifted (please see our website for more information).

Glinton and many other rural communities around Peterborough are benefiting from the fantastic response of willing local volunteers to support those in the community that are vulnerable and in need of support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This support has been a life line for many people who are unable to leave their home, particularly during these cold winter months.

The Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough will essentially ensure that this valuable community support remains in place throughout COVID and beyond, thereby also helping to reinforce a strong and resilient community support network via the structures we have in place. Our Volunteers all have an enhanced DBS Check, for their protection as well as that of the clients who ask for support, together with access to training and support.

Our volunteer support is not designed to replace those of professional services or larger Charities but will complement and add value in ways that we hope is recognised as mutually beneficial for all. In recognition of this, we are now receiving referrals from the Countywide COVID Hub and Adult Social Care Services in Peterborough.

"It is so good to know that an organisation like this exists so that we can refer people in need to local support" (Early Help Team Worker Adult Social Care 1/2/21)

"Thank you so much for..., I was not aware of your service, It's brilliant!" (NHW co-ordinator 1/2/21)

We are a volunteer-led Charity which aims to protect and proactively support all our volunteers, whatever their reasons for joining, recognising that for some this will provide valuable learning and experience for future job opportunities."

Membership to the Charity is open to all Rural Parish Councils

Referrals will be accepted from professionals, individuals or their family and friends (with consent)

Please see our website for how you can volunteer and refer people that you know would benefit from this support:
goodneighboursrp.org.uk

https://twitter.com/GoodRural

https://www.facebook.com/groups/3426326527420913/

https://www.instagram.com/goodneighbours.rp/?hl=en

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