

Common Care

Working together for a healthier, stronger
heart for the community of Stanley Common



Dear Friend and member of Common Care,

Although we haven't been in touch for a few months, I wanted you to know that Common Care is still alive and well, but is changing its way of working.

At the Annual General Meeting it was decided that, rather than continue to organise community-wide events such as open forums on local issues, or a Christmas Fair, we should focus more closely on encouraging community networking so as to enable groups and individuals to work in partnership for the village. This kind of "partnership working" has already been of great importance in persuading funding bodies to respond favourably to various proposals Common Care has been involved with, as illustrated by the successful applications for funding of the local minibus, the Church extension and the Eventide development worker and lunch club organiser.

In future we intend to concentrate on organising small, informal meetings for local groups and agencies which share common and overlapping interests. We've identified some areas of community interest as a starting point, the first being local provision and opportunities for children under the age of five. This particular meeting has taken place, and feedback from it will go initially to the Common Care committee on July 18th. Other areas of interest identified so far include that of Older People, and those with Caring responsibilities. If you have further suggestions, or any comments, please let me have them, to take to the next committee meeting. In the spirit of our original constitution, we're hoping to organise three focussed partnership working meetings of this kind each year, and will find ways to keep the wider community, including yourselves, informed about any particular developments which arise.

In the meantime, thank you for your support for and interest in Common Care since it was founded in 2006; we shall hold your details on our mailing list, purely for the purpose of keeping you informed, unless you say otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

Simon White
Chair of Common Care,
Anglican Minister at United Church of All Saints

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