



Notes from:
Dronfield 2gether Champions Meeting
Thursday 12 July 2018, 10.00am-12 noon
Dronfield Library Meeting Room

Present:

- Shelley Hinson (Chair) – dronfield2gether@dva.org.uk
- Andy Aram, Dronfield Resident
- Jo Askew, Helen's Trust
- Jane Cheetham, Helen's Trust
- Steve Chambers, Chesterfield Volunteer Centre, Macmillan Safe and Sound Project
- Alison Lloydall, Working Together for Older People Project, Age Concern Chesterfield and District
- Tony Jackson, Dronfield Resident
- Jim Hopkins, Chesterfield Foodbank
- Joan Heathcote, Dronfield Resident

Shelley welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She gave a summary of the purpose of the group – about how we can work together as groups, or individuals, organisations or businesses for the mutual benefit of the residents of Dronfield to create a happier, healthier town. All ideas are welcomed and shared.

She also announced that the Dronfield 2gether website: www.dronfield2gether.org.uk is now live. Champions are asked to show their support for the project by sending in a short profile of themselves/their group or organisation and a photo/logo, which will be included in the Champions section of the site. **ACTION: ALL**

Helen's Trust – Jane Cheetham, Referrals Coordinator: Jane introduced the group to the work of Helen's Trust, a Bakewell-based small charity which provides end-of-life care and support to patients with terminal conditions and their carers/families, to enable the patient to have the choice to die in their own home. The charity supports people of any age, with any terminal illness, who are registered with a North Derbyshire GP. Beneficiaries have to be in the last six months of life. There is no charge for the service and it is not means-tested. In each case, Helen's Trust can provide up to six hours of support per week for up to six months. The charity originally worked in High Peak and Dales but now extends its reach across the whole of North Derbyshire. It has a staff of seven and around 100 volunteers who help with fundraising. It has a small grant fund which can be used to fund pieces of specialist equipment to enable a person to be at home.

Jo Askew explained her role as a fundraiser for Helen's Trust. She is new in post and keen to forge new partnerships and relationships in Dronfield and would like to be invited to attend any events happening in the town.

Tony suggested forging a link with U3A in Dronfield and Shelley suggested contacting the Dronfield WI's. **ACTION: SHELLEY**

Age Concern Chesterfield and District – Alison Lloydall, Working Together for Older People Project. Alison spoke about the support she provides to older people's groups and clubs in Dronfield. This includes help with raising a group's profile, recruiting new members and

signposting to sources of support (eg around funding, governance etc). She spoke about her background in community development work, and how she uses social media and her love of photography to promote her work and the groups she supports. Alison will send details of Langworth Show and an upcoming event in New Bolsover to Jo. **ACTION: ALISON.** She also offered to promote Dronfield 2gether and the Great Dronfield Get 2gether through twitter and facebook. Many thanks Alison!

Chesterfield Foodbank – Jim Hopkins, Project Coordinator. Jim described the work of Chesterfield Foodbank and explained that he is currently investigating whether there is a need for a foodbank to be set up in Dronfield. The Foodbank has a warehouse in Sheepbridge and distributes food from three locations in town: Loundsley Green, Brimington and West Bars. It provides emergency food bags containing 3 days' worth of food supplies to beneficiaries who are in crisis in some way and have been referred to the Bank by agencies such as Citizen's Advice, Job Centres, Children's Centres etc. All the food stored and handled by the Bank is donated. Jim sought the group's views on whether a foodbank is needed in Dronfield. He receives regular donations from Dronfield residents. The group talked about perceptions that Dronfield is a relatively affluent place and whether the need would manifest itself when Universal Credit is rolled out there. It was suggested that Jim speak to Louise Hall at Public Health and make contact with the pastoral support staff at Dronfield's schools. Clay Cross Citizen's Advice Bureau provides outreach CAB services in Dronfield 2 days a week – based at the doctors' surgeries. Please email Jim [insert email address] with further thoughts.

Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire – Steve Chambers, Macmillan Safe and Sound Coordinator. Steve spoke about the Macmillan Safe and Sound Project – a volunteer-led project, which provides support and practical help to patients and carers/families affected by cancer (eg small DIY tasks, help with attending appointments etc). The service is available in North East Derbyshire and across Bolsover and Chesterfield areas.

Great Dronfield Get 2Gether - The event will take place on 16 October from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Dronfield Sports Centre.

Date of next meeting: 6 September 2018, 10.00am-12noon, Dronfield Library.