

Residents' Survey

Dear Boddington Resident

Are there any small jobs you need help with that you cannot do yourself? For example: small household jobs, walking the dog, shopping, filling in a form or a lift to hospital?

We all face difficulties like this at some time and we don't always like to ask for help. The good news is that, as you may have seen in the Boddington Bugle, following on from the valuable support that villagers have given to one another during the pandemic through the Boddington Action Group, we are planning to set up a more formalised **Good Neighbour Scheme** in Lower and Upper Boddington.

The Good Neighbour Scheme will link those in need of a 'helping hand' with local volunteers willing to donate time and services. Volunteers would be fully supported and only expected to offer time they can spare for services they are happy to carry out – it could be as little as one hour a fortnight.

It would be very helpful if you could let us know whether you might be interested in taking part in this initiative either as a user of the services it will offer, or as a volunteer (or both!)

Overleaf, you will find a list of some of the services that may be offered through the scheme and boxes for you to tick the services that you might use and/or the help that you may be able to give.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would complete the survey. Your replies will help us decide how the scheme might work in our area.

Thank you for your help.

What is a Good Neighbour Scheme and how does it work?

A Good Neighbour Scheme is a voluntary group run by local residents who recognise the value in having 'good neighbours', particularly where public transport and other local services can be limited and where family may not live close by.

Each volunteer decides what sort of help they are able to offer, how much and when. They do not undertake jobs best left to qualified professionals but can help with things like occasional lifts, befriending or shopping. All volunteers are fully insured for extra peace of mind. Anyone who needs help can ring the group's telephone number. Calls are answered by a volunteer call-handler, who matches the request for assistance with an available volunteer.

Every household in Boddington will be given the telephone number of the scheme and can call for help at any time

Each call will be matched to an appropriate volunteer who has agreed to help in one or more of the ways listed.

When you have completed the questionnaire please post it through the letter box at the Village Hall by 16 October or you can call or message one of the numbers below and someone will come and collect it. An online version will also be available on the village website

For questionnaire collection only please call or message:

Claire for Lower Boddington – 07867 313680 or Liz for Upper Boddington – 07817 078364

Good Neighbour Schemes offer a range of services that may be helpful to people living in the area.

Please read the list and tick the boxes to show whether you might use these services and / or might be able to volunteer your time and help. You can tick boxes in both columns.

If you think you might be able to offer some time as a volunteer, the amount of time is entirely up to you – even an hour a month helps! All reasonable volunteer expenses are reimbursed and all volunteers are fully insured and DBS checked for free (as appropriate).

WE ARE TRYING TO GAUGE LEVELS OF INTEREST IN THE SCHEME. BY COMPLETING THIS FORM YOU ARE NOT COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY BUT WE MAY CONTACT YOU TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR INTEREST

	I, or someone in my household, may be able to help	I, or someone in my household, may need help
Occasional lifts to doctors, lunch clubs, shops, post office etc.		
A regular friendly phone call, or a chat over a cup of tea		
Form filling / letter writing / help with using a computer		
Sending/collecting parcels via Hermes, DHS, Royal Mail etc		
Help with supermarket/weekly shop		
Small household repairs/practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb, indoor plant watering, getting something down from the loft)		
Occasional pet-care / dog-walking etc.		
Occasional outdoor plant watering/ checking house when away		
Putting the bins out or bringing them in		
Working party to keep village tidy eg clearing Autumn leaves from pavements		
Be part of the organising group – helping with publicity, fundraising, etc.		
Other – please specify:		
I am not able to help at this time but would like to hear more about the scheme		

Is there anything else you would like to suggest, or to tell us?

Please could you provide your details below to allow us to contact you? Your information will only be used by the scheme organisers, and will not be passed on to any third party without your express permission.

Boddington Good Neighbours Data Protection and Security Policy is available on request

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:

Thank you so much for your help!