

SPELTHORNE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

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Our First Newsletter!

Welcome to the first issue of our bi-annual Newsletter! We are very excited to present our first newsletter to both our drivers and clients. Our goal is to keep you informed on "what the Spelthorne Volunteer Drivers are up to" and to offer a small sample of what this community service does for you.

Whether you're new to us or have been involved as a volunteer or client for a long time, our hope is to continue to help those who need to make necessary journeys to clinical appointments, and bring you helpful information and updates, along with some humorous stories as well.

Throughout the year, we will compile stories and insights from our team of volunteers and staff from supporting organisations.

Do you have an idea, or a success or humorous story to share? Maybe you've heard of an upcoming event that we should all support. Let us know your ideas so we can help support each other and grow together using one of the contact details given below.



SVD Annual Party

On 12th January we, once again, held our Annual Party at Laleham Village Hall.

Drivers may spend many hours doing work for the SVD, but usually never come across each other. This event gives the opportunity for drivers and duty officers to meet up and talk together, to share experiences and opinions. It's proven to be an important social occasion.

Each driver received a raffle prize on the evening, as a Thank You for their work during the year.

A big Thank You was also given to Laurence Curtis and his wife, for again, serving up some sumptuous food.



SVD Committee:

Chairperson: Anne Grigg
Secretary: Gill Peters
Treasurer: Sheila Sawyer
Members: Evelyn Lawrence, Stuart Surridge
Surrey Community Action Advisor: Vicki Turton



SVD Driver Profile

In each edition of our newsletter, we will try and bring a little more background information on our individual drivers. We will start off with our newest committee member:

Name: Stuart Surridge

Children: 2 girls

Joined SVD: February, 1992

Favourite Foods: Chilli con carne, curry

Favourite Sports: Cricket, Badminton, Rugby, Football

Favourite Holiday Destinations: Australia, Cornwall

Hobbies: Volunteering, creating sports competitions, cricket coaching, Neighbourhood Watch, reading

Favourite SVD Destination: St. Peters Hospital

Least Favourite SVD Destination: Staines Health Centre (often congested with little parking space!)



SVD Seeking New Volunteers

Like most voluntary organisations, SVD are looking to recruit more volunteers, both drivers and duty officers to answer client calls and allocate drivers for the week ahead.

There are many people in our borough who need our help. By first building up our volunteer support base, we can ease the pressure on our current volunteers, then gradually look to expand our client numbers.

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming either a driver or duty officer, then please let us know by using one of the contact details given below.



Driver's Log Sheets Submission

We are at that point of the year when our Treasurer, Sheila Sawyer will be asking all SVD drivers to submit their completed Driver's Log sheets (up to 30th April).

Therefore, could all drivers ensure their Log sheets are sent to Sheila as soon as possible in May.



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