

SHOPPER-AIDE NEWS



BIG LOTTERY GRANT

Shopper Aide has been awarded a grant of **£115,942** over 2 years from the National Lottery Community Fund to continue with our services for older people. This is great news but it is not enough to meet all our ongoing costs and we need to think about what the most important services are and how we can continue to offer them to those who need it most. For example we require £44,000 just to run the Elderberries Club.

Every year we need to find money for:

Staff, rent, utilities, insurances, fuel, vehicle upkeep, repairs and lots more....

We don't get any money from the HSPC (Health and Social Care Partnership). The HSPC is a partnership between the council and NHS to deliver health and social work services jointly. Because Shopper-Aide is a hands-on organisation we are often the first to flag up when someone needs additional support e.g. when someone is not eating or their health suddenly deteriorates.

We have an application to Argyll & Bute Third Sector Grant for support to help pay the rent of the hall for the Elderberries. We are currently in receipt of grants from the Henry Smith Foundation, The Robertson Trust, Tesco and Fyne Homes. These are all due to end in this year.

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Shopper-Aide is not just a charitable organisation delivering social benefit. We also help the local economy by providing jobs and opportunities for people.

Shopper-Aide currently employs **14** staff, 12 of which are part time. We have a Project Manager, Assistant Manager, Financial assistant, 2 Team Leaders, one help worker, 6 support workers and 2 drivers.



We also have an amazing team of 34 volunteers who do not receive any payment except out of pocket expenses. They help with shopping, I.T., Card Making, selling books, driving, Garry's Gang, Elderberries and much more. We really couldn't manage without them. With this experience and support many have moved on to a paid job with Shopper-Aide and elsewhere.



This makes it very difficult to maintain the services on a daily basis and unfortunately we now have waiting lists for some services so please be patient if you need our help.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR THIS YEAR

(From 1st May 2018 (the start of our financial year) to 31st March 2019)

- 3808 Shops
- 1943 Housekeeping Sessions
- Supported 219 people to appointments
- Delivered 1352 Prescriptions
- Contributed £90,465 to the local economy

As well as one to one befriending, Garry's Gang, Elderberries, supporting people to attend the Water of Life Café and other intergenerational and social activities.

If we did not do these things, who would?



THE YEAR AHEAD

Shopper-Aide will continue to deliver our core service of shopping for people over 60. However, we may need to increase prices in the near future and hope that you will understand why we have to do this.

We have enough funds to continue as before for a limited time but throughout the coming year we will be gathering lots of information and working out how we can be sustainable as an organisation.

Becoming a member only costs £1



We support people and communities to thrive.

The National Lottery Community Fund

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

My Mother was 85 when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 3 years ago. She now attends Elderberries twice a week and we use other Shopper-Aide Services providing mum with stimulation, independence and enjoyment. I have no doubt her health would have quickly declined without the support of the Shopper Aide's incredible, caring and thoughtful staff.

This service is invaluable to the whole community of Campbeltown and beyond and has become a vital lifeline for many users as well as their Carers. Such community groups should be allowed and afforded as much provision as possible and if it were to be removed it would be huge loss to many throughout Kintyre. (Caroline McWhirter April 2019).

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Continue to show your support for us and help us raise money.

Tell your local councilor how much our services are needed.

Sponsorship-you could sponsor a car for one week-it only costs £55

Leave a legacy in your will.

Sign up for an annual subscription and Become a 'Friend of Shopper-Aide'

Contact us for details of any of the above.



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