

Ilkley & District Good Neighbours are hosting their popular, annual over 90's party on Saturday 29th Sept in Ilkley. See below for more details about how to support this event and the other activities that Ilkley & District Good Neighbours run.

What does Ilkley & District Good Neighbours do?

The charity supports old people who are living independently in Ilkley and Wharfedale. We offer a variety of social and practical support designed to alleviate loneliness

Why it was founded?

The organisation was first set up in the 1970's, it's a small trustee led charity supporting older people who are living independently, and it was set up to support and enable people to be an active part of society.

Tell us about the activities you deliver.

We can help with shopping, offer befriending, and can do small home maintenance jobs. In addition, we run an annual party for the over 90's. We also have a Christmas parcel scheme, a weekly meeting group and social events. We offer these services to older and disabled people living independently in the Ilkley District over the age of 60.

What you most are proud of?

We run the service almost entirely with volunteers, with 3 part time members of staff and costs are kept to a minimum to enable the service to run.

Who else do you involve in your work?

With the over 90's party we collaborate with lots of organisations such as Community Action, Ilkley Rotary Club, Ilkley Air Cadets and Ilkley Grammar School. We all come together to help out on the day.

What help could others provide to Ilkley & District Good Neighbours?

Our greatest challenge moving forward is the sustainability of the funding that keeps our activities running; our befriending scheme is currently funded by Bradford Council Wellbeing Fund and this is coming to a close on 31st March 2019. We have applied to the council to continue the funding and are awaiting the outcome. Others could help us by offering small donations, whilst businesses could support through their CSR activities and people could volunteer their time to sustain these services.