

WiSE Update - August

Hi

Throughout these unprecedented times, Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) has remained busy supporting vulnerable people within the community.

At the start of COVID-19, we were charged with running the Organisational Hub for the area, working in partnership with Leeds City Council and Voluntary Action Leeds coordinating the volunteer effort. People requiring basic necessities such as food or prescriptions have been able to make contact with us and we, in turn, have linked them up with local volunteers.

Our work in this area will continue so if you need our support it is still available by ringing Leeds (0113) 378 1877 (this number will continue until the end of Sept). I will post the new number in due course.

Even in these challenging times our core services are very much at the heart of all we do. We hope to re-introduce a range of our most popular activities as soon as possible. Obviously these will look very different in the short-term and we are setting up mechanisms by which people will be able to access them on a pre-booked basis. For further details, please follow our Facebook page right here and our other social media outlets.

Alternatively, you can ring us on (01937) 588994.

We are also looking forward to opening The Wise Owl Café again. In the meantime, our friends on the Boston Spa Village Hall committee have decided it is a really good opportunity for them to do some essential refurbishments so our reopening will be delayed until later this autumn, all being well.

Again, as soon as we have them, we will put out more details.

We are currently operating with a skeleton staff in the office but please, can you ensure that telephone calls into the office could be limited to urgent enquiries. This is what the staff are doing:

Karen our Events Coordinator will be offering support through a range of activities that can be accessed electronically via contacting her at karen@w-ise.org.uk.

Nicola is here to help with any advice, information or signposting on 01937 588994 or Nicola@w-ise.org.uk.

Carole will be helping to coordinate our volunteers but, please, if you are one of our befrienders it would be fantastic if you could continue to do your befriending by contacting her at Carole@w-ise.org.uk.

Jo, Christine and Jane will be keeping in regular contact over the telephone with the friends we currently support.

To conclude, WiSE is still here and very much supporting people, albeit under different circumstances. Our services will be resuming as soon as possible, so please keep in touch on the numbers provided or via our social media platforms.

Thank you, keep well and take care!

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