



Broadclyst Parish Council
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Dear Cllr Andrew Leadbetter

I note with interest the report in DCC's news bulletin of 14th June about the Council's refocus on social care services to help more people stay independent.

Broadclyst Parish is an area with a resident population of higher than national average for the 65+ age group (National 16.45%; Broadclyst 19.93%) giving Broadclyst a 1 in 5 ratio of over 65's. In Broadclyst we have a charity called Clyst Caring Friends, which is a day centre for the elderly serving. As well as offering a luncheon club and transport services, Clyst Caring Friends also provides 3 days of care for elderly and infirm parishioners. This service is a hugely important part of our village life and its aim is "to enable people to continue to live an independent life at home for if they wish to do so and to give support to carers"

We too recognise the value of promoting and supporting independence and Clyst Caring plays a key role in enabling this. The Luncheon club is held once a month for those that are housebound; residents are collected and brought to the centre for a home cooked meal and social interaction. The transport service is provided by Clyst Caring Friends volunteers. For a small cost, they will collect elderly patients to take to their Doctors, Hospital or other medical appointments. The day centre provides a valuable service with assisted bathing service for those who can no longer bath themselves.

This long-established charity which benefits from an income from its own charity shop, has lost its CCG grant, putting its future under threat.

The Council would be interested in supporting DCC as it reviews its social care focus, and to would value your input for ways in which it might be able to keep this core service in our community. I would welcome the chance to meet with you to discuss this further; maybe you would care to visit us here in Broadclyst for a coffee and chat.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Yours Sincerely

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