

News Bites!

Message In A Bottle

Following the Re Launch of this simple yet effective scheme may we remind those who already use it to check their bottles making sure that their information is up to date and the bottle is still in the fridge!

This scheme is a national one, simple to activate and has been known to save lives. The small bottles contain vital information about those who have a medical illness or disability such as GP, medical history, emergency contact numbers and a list of medication. Professional attendants like Ambulance crew, Police and On Call Doctors know of this scheme and will activate it if they are called to the home and there isn't anyone to answer these questions accurately. We have a large stock of bottles for your use so if you wish to know more or want a "Message In The Bottle" then give us a ring 01883 745057

Motorised Scooters

The DVLA are now registering all Class 3 vehicles this includes motor scooters that can travel up to 8mph. All owners should have received forms from the DVLA. For more information contact the Society Helpline on 0808 800 0303

Blue Badge Scheme.

There has been a change to this scheme which means that children under 2 with specific medical conditions can now qualify for a blue badge if they need a car nearby for particular treatment or equipment. We have application forms; please ring us on 01883 745057 if you need one.

Mencap Schemes

Mencap provide respite care for adults during the holidays for more information they can be contacted on 01737 225902.

YMCA School Holiday Scheme

The YMCA School Holiday Scheme is for children in school holidays, the YIPPEE Club in Redhill is for children with complex needs in the school holidays - they can accommodate most children including those with challenging behaviour call 01737 779979 or view their website www.ymcaredhill.com for more information.

Benefit Review

Is the person you are Caring for on the correct level of benefit or do they now qualify for benefit?

Tom and Theresa are happy to offer an Update and Review service to all those who wish it. Give us a ring and have an informal chat so we can clarify the situation and make a date to apply on your relative's / friends behalf. If you believe that they now qualify for Disability Living Allowance (for the under 65's) or Attendance Allowance (for those over 65 years) we can help you complete the application pack. Give us a ring and let us know. **01883 745057**

Prescription Charges

Do you qualify for a Prescription Pre payment Certificates - PPC? Do you need more than 4 prescription items in 3 - 4 months or 14 in 12 months?

Then you may find you will save money by buying a PPC. Most chemists will have an FP 95 application form for your reference and completion. When completed and applied for it will take up to a month to process before it can help you with the heavy cost of prescription charges.

Books on Wheels - the library service for housebound people

If you are housebound because of illness or disability this service can arrange for books and audio material to be brought to you on a regular basis by a volunteer.

They have a good selection of books in large print as well as standard print. They stock a large range of talking tapes and CDs which can be played on a standard machine.

There is no charge for this service and they also offer a free request service. Alternatively, friends, neighbours or relatives who visit the library can be registered to borrow books for you. Separate arrangements are made for people living in residential and nursing homes.

For more information - please contact Books on Wheels on **01483 541518**

Lasting Power of Attorney

If you are caring for someone who is having difficulties with remembering things or coping with paperwork, making decisions etc it is very important to start thinking about any future financial arrangements or decisions about their care provision. It is much easier and quicker to put into place an arrangement called lasting power of attorney when the person being helped is still able to understand and consent to the details of the agreement.

The person to help you with the practical arrangements is a solicitor that you know to be reliable and specialises in this field. If you would like to talk to someone you can call us at ESCSA or the Alzheimer's Society on 01883 740010 who will help carers of anyone with problems with memory or confusion.