



COULD YOU BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

Good Neighbours Schemes have been established across the country for many years and there is now an impetus to spread such schemes throughout Yorkshire – not that we do not think that Yorkshire folk are reputedly the best neighbours in the country!

Your Parish Council is considering setting up an *organised* Good Neighbours Scheme in Burghwallis, but, before we can do that, we need to establish if there are sufficient people in the village prepared to participate as volunteers in such a scheme. The scheme would operate on the basis of having a dedicated telephone number for people to call and the person “on duty” would attempt to find a volunteer to satisfy the request for help. There would be no point in advertising such a scheme to residents before we know what services we could offer.

Therefore, your parish council would be interested to hear if you are willing and able to participate as a volunteer.

The sorts of activities that usually feature in these schemes are:

- Offering transport assistance for people who have mobility problems, for example to get to the doctor’s, or hospital, for routine appointments
- Practical help around the house or garden
- Just being a friend, dropping in for a coffee and a natter with people who do not or cannot get out much

This list is not exhaustive - there are probably lots of other activities that volunteers could help with – we do not know what other “skills” or potential for help lies behind the doors of our local residents.

If you are in a position to help and would like to participate in the scheme, please call Gemma Bean on 07793 963522 to register your interest. If we get sufficient positive responses, we will then proceed to advertise the service.



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!