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Good Neighbours – Henstridge



Who do you call if you need a hand with day to day activities or jobs around the home that you no longer can manage due to health or mobility problems? What happens when a light bulb needs changing, you need help getting your shopping or you just find yourself completely isolated? What happens if you see a neighbour, or even a customer, struggling – who could you speak to about it?

We all know individuals who are very active Good Neighbours, helping out friends and relatives when problems arise. Some organisations in town already provide various befriending, contact or helping hand services alongside what is on offer from charities, commercial services, micro providers and trades. However, coverage is patchy and sometimes difficult to assess.

Locally, we recognise the need to better coordinate and expand these services, so we are organising a public meeting in the near future to look at the introduction of a Somerset Good Neighbour scheme in Henstridge.

Somerset Good Neighbours is a wonderful scheme that enables people who just need a little helping hand to easily reach out to those that are willing to volunteer to be that helpful person, in an organised and co-ordinated way.

We will explain what happens in other communities, take stock of what already exists and try to sample options on what is most needed here. Any interested individuals and organisations that would like to get involved can contact their Village Agent Felicity Bailey.

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