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SENIOR CITIZENS
ACTION NETWORK

SHIPSTON ON STOUR and surrounding communities

Tuesday 12th July 2022

Townsend Hall (large hall), Sheep Street,
Shipston on Stour

10.00am for free refreshments / 10.30am start

**Ashley Trinder, Independent Living
Officer - Stratford District Council**

**Isobel Jonas Engagement & Outreach
Officer - Healthwatch Warwickshire**

Please DO NOT attend if you feel unwell

Please advise us if you no longer wish to receive the SCAN notice by calling Marie Darwen on 01789 260 108 or email marie.darwen@stratford-dc.gov.uk

*If you require transport to attend the SCAN meeting, VASA **may** be able to help with a door to door volunteer car. Mileage costs payable. Tel: 01789 262889 or Email: transport@vasa.org.uk*

Shipston SCAN Meeting – May 10th 2022

Trevor Russel welcomed members to the meeting. Unfortunately, Ian Cooper who was due to talk about his time as Mayor was unable to join us. Fortunately, we had two speakers scheduled and Claire Weaver, Fundraising Officer for Warwickshire Vision Support (WVS) attended and gave us an overview of the Charity.

WVS has been in existence for roughly 100 years. It's a local charity supporting people who are blind or have a sight impairment in Warwickshire. The main office is in Warwick town centre. There are 20,700 people who are blind or have incurable sight loss in Warwickshire. WVS look after 2,500 of those. Claire described WVS as Warwickshire's "best kept secret".

WVS have a contract with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to register and rehabilitate blind and vision impaired individuals in Warwickshire. Staff go into people's homes, review any health & safety issues, discuss any modifications required and help them to get out and about to regular activities. WVS aim to give people independence.

All other services delivered by WVS are paid for through fundraising activities. Other services include:-

- 14 social clubs around Warwickshire. This offers activities and gives people the opportunity to talk to other people in a similar situation.

- Weekly vision support centres in Rugby, Nuneaton, Leam & Stratford. Demos of equipment, speakers, services. People living with blindness & sight loss can be independent.

- Home visitor & befriending service. Home visits stopped during Covid. Might be to read paper and check dates on food in fridge/cupboard, open & read mail for individual

- Telephobne befriending service – call once a week/fortnight to check in on an individual and have a chat.

- Eye care liaison officer (ECLLO) – based in hospital to talk to people who have just had a diagnosis. Based at 3 hospitals across Warwickshire.

- Provide IT training. Eg. how people can get the best out of tech/mobile phone/ ipad/tablet. Still stay connected. Provide video call instructions.

All services outside the WCC contract require fundraising. As a charity WVS are growing. Claire is a community fundraiser, speaking to groups Rotary, Lions etc. Raising awareness generally.

Inform people of helpful gadgets like talking clock, talking jug to indicate how much liquid is in the jug, arge button phones, talking microwave, cup with sensor on edge of cup to indicate that you've got enough water to make your cuppa.

OrCam MyEye handheld device which converts printed text to audio. Can also attach to glasses.

WVS enquiries line & website – call 01926 411331 or email enquiries@warwickshire.vision

Q around labels – magnifying glasses for reading small text.

Referrals usually come via the Council.