

EXTREME WEATHER 4X4 CAR SCHEME

Once again a group of volunteers have come together to operate a 4x4 Car Scheme, **during periods of extreme weather**, when roads are treacherous. The **special telephone number** below will be manned by volunteers, and drivers with 4x4 cars will be on-call to help fellow parishioners with **vital transport needs**, e.g. to get to urgent medical appointments, restocking essential food supplies, or collecting an urgent prescription. It is also envisaged that villagers 'stranded' at local stations or in the environs of the villages could be 'rescued'!

If weather conditions prevent social services reaching a client, then volunteers may also be able to help with certain vital tasks.

This service is free; however a contribution towards the driver's fuel costs would be welcomed. In the meantime you are encouraged to prepare for a harsh winter, both at home and for daily journeys!

0845 8 735 737

Please note:- The Car Scheme will operate normally **between 9am and 7pm** when **extreme weather results in treacherous road conditions**. It will be at the discretion of Scheme's co-ordinators to decide if the weather conditions and transport needs dictate that a volunteer is called on. When the Scheme is not operating, and a vital need for transport arises, as with emergency situations, you are advised to contact the police or, if appropriate, the ambulance service.

PUB LUNCH CLUB

The Pub Lunch Club meets at lunchtimes on the **second Wednesday of each month** at the **Rose and Crown** in Hawridge. It's open to anyone living in or near to our four Hilltop Villages, but in particular its aims to provide an opportunity for those who might otherwise not find it easy to get to local social events. If a lift is needed there and back this can be arranged. On offer is a two-course meal for just £8, prepared and presented by Landlords of the Rose and Crown, Marc and Kerry. Bookings must be made in advance to Janet Hopkinson, via email:- janethopkinson@tiscali.co.uk or Tel:- 01494 757059.

We would like to express our appreciation to.....

Green Telecom, based in Chesham, who generously supplied the telephone number, free of charge!*and also*

Mrs Patricia Birchley, our local County Councillor, who in 2011 awarded the Group a grant from her Community Leaders Fund.

Hilltop Villages Good Neighbours

This leaflet has been produced for residents of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish by the Hilltop Villages Good Neighbours Group.

One of the strengths of our community is the willingness of local people to offer a helping hand to others. In short you might call this a spirit of 'neighbourliness'. In 2011 some villagers got together to identify how we might build on this neighbourliness with anticipated cut-backs in public services likely to impact on our rural community. As a result we formed the 'Hilltop Villages Good Neighbours Group'.

Extreme Weather 4x4 Car Scheme Pub Lunch Club & Community Services Directory

Inside.... you will find a directory of useful community contact numbers which has been updated since last year.

On the back page you will find further information about the **Extreme Weather 4x4 Car Scheme** and **Pub Lunch Club**.

Further information. If you would like to help with the 4x4 car scheme, would like to be involved in working on other initiatives of **The Hilltop Village Good Neighbours Group**, or have any questions about the Group, please contact: **Chris Brown**.

Tel: 01494 758890 or email: goodneighbours@cholesbury.com

Keep this leaflet close to your telephone, and put the Extreme Weather Scheme number into your mobile & car!

Hilltop Villages Good Neighbours Directory

This is the second edition of the **Community Services Directory** for the **Hilltop Villages**. Updated in November 2012, it provides a reference for contacting important services relating to our community.

This Directory has been distributed with the December 2012 edition of Hilltop News and is also available online at www.cholesbury.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police –Fire–Ambulance 999

POLICE AND REPORTING CONCERNS

Local Police Team and non-emergency number 101
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Victim Support 0845 450 3883
Childline 0800 1111
Careline – to report abuse 0800 137 915
National Domestic Violence Helpline (24-hour) 0808 2000 247

NHS

NHS Direct - 24-hour health advice and info 0845 46 47
NHS Non Emergencies (launching in Spring 2013) 111

BUCKS FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Free home safety checks, including electric blankets and chip pans and smoke alarms fitted 01296 744477

UTILITIES

Electricity - Eastern - general enquiries 0800 783 8838
Water - general enquiries and emergencies 0845 9200 800
BT 0800 800 150

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Buckinghamshire County Council 0845 370 8090
Chiltern District Council 01494 729000

HILLTOP VILLAGES

Good Neighbours Extreme Weather Car Scheme 0845 8 735 737
Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council 01494 758408

ADULT SOCIAL CARE (Bucks CC)

SOCIAL SERVICES – Advice on Services 01296 383204
- Out of hours emergency contact number 01494 675802
IN TOUCH - Advice on living independently 0845 370 8090

AFFORDABLE WARMTH - Advice on grants to warm or insulate the home and reduce fuel costs 0800 107 0044

AGE UK, BUCKS - General info and advice 01296 431127

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY - Info and support 01494 670909

BRITISH RED CROSS HOME FROM HOSPITAL 01296 316626
Free support when being discharged from hospital

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MIND - Day services & support for mental & emotional well-being 01494 792244

BUCKS ACTION ON HEARING LOSS 01296 479970
Advice on hearing loss, equipment

BUCKS VISION – Advice on sight impairment 01296 487556

BUS SERVICES – Redline Buses - Route 149 / 194 01296 426786

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - Free advice on benefits, housing, legal, debt and consumer issues 0844 245 1289

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT HUB – advice on community transport, taxi and minibus providers 0800 085 8480

DIABETES UK - Careline & Advice 0845 120 2960

DIAL-a-RIDE - Door-to-door transport at discounted rates. (Requires advance booking) 01494 766123

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE 0845 230 3232
Books, magazines, DVDs delivered to your home

TRADING STANDARDS - Information and advice 0845 404 0506