



The Thorngate Village Care Group

The care group supports the four villages of **East and West Tytherley, East Dean and Lockerley**. It was formed in 1992 when it became apparent that some people were falling through the net of support previously provided by either social services or local family members. Thorngate isn't a village – but an old historical name associated with this area

Who are we?

We comprise a team of around 30 volunteers who believe that community starts with us. We are all DBS checked and have appropriate car and public liability insurance and undertake driving assessments provided by Hampshire County Council. We are part of the Good Neighbours Network www.goodneighbours.org.uk. New volunteers are most welcome, please contact us if you would like to join the team

What do we do?

Most requests involve driving people to appointments at hospitals or local surgeries, or to visit relatives in care homes: or to shops, post office or the village coffee shop. The group sends flowers to those we hear of who have come out of hospital, had a baby or been bereaved, and need support. We can help with other one-off or more unusual requests such as helping with form-filling, dog-walking or shopping or a meal when someone is ill, or occasional sitting or home visiting.

How are we funded?

We are supported by grants from Test Valley Borough Council and the local Parish Councils. In addition we fundraise and users of the service give voluntary donations. Volunteers can claim mileage expenses for journeys they undertake. An annual garden party is held in June/July in the grounds of Greenview, Lockerley Green.

How can you contact us?

If you need help of transport in the Lockerley/East Dean, East or West Tytherley area please call:

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