



The Moray Shared Lives Service Newsletter

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A lot has happened with our service since the last newsletter in March. There are now 6 Shared Lives Carers over the Moray area, and 24 people who use the service regularly. We are continuing to recruit new carers to offer either a day support service or respite/short breaks.

Progress update:

Annual Service Inspection:

The service is progressing really well. We had our annual inspection from the Care Inspectorate recently. Each adult care service is graded from 1-6(max award). I am proud to say that we have been upgraded and awarded an overall 5 (Very Good). This is due to the continued dedication and hard work provided by the Shared Lives carer team.

I would like to thank all the carers and service users who took part in the completion of questionnaires, and those who took time out to come along to meet our Care Inspector Lindsay McWhirter. She is very pleased with the way the service is progressing and enjoyed meeting everyone. The link to our recent inspection report will be on the Moray Council Website in the near future, should you wish to have a look at it. It can also be found on www.scswis.com.

Welcome to the team:



Liz Allan - Shared Lives Carer - Lives near the village of Marypark. Liz will offer a day service from July. She will initially be working two afternoons per week. Liz has said " **People who come to my home are always well looked after**".

2nd Anniversary event "A trip down memory lane":



There was an amazing turn out for our "Trip down memory lane" event. Everyone seemed to enjoy our small get together. Jane Thomas, the Community Librarian came along with the reminiscence television, and showed us how it can be used to help people look back on times gone by. She also kindly provided us with a large selection of local heritage photos, books and memorabilia.

Over the past few months the Shared Lives Team has been looking at the theme of reminiscence and how it can be used within our own service. The event provided a lovely setting to bring the theme together for everyone.

Thank you to the service users who brought along items and photos to share within the group. It added a lovely personal touch to the afternoon.

I have put together some of the photos at the end of this newsletter. The Northern Scot have also placed 3 lovely photos on

their website, which can be found at:

http://scottishprovincialpress.newsprints.co.uk/view/24814823/25_memories_3.jpg

There may also be an article in the Northern Scot on the 28th of June.

"A trip down Memory Lane"

2nd anniversary event at Elgin Library

19th June 2013



Displays of old heritage photos, the reminiscence tv, and old memorabilia.....



Many of our service users, their families and Shared Lives carers managed along on the day.....



A lovely chance to share a cup of tea and a chat with other service users and Shared Lives Carers.....





Councillor Barry Jarvis said:

"I was delighted to attend the Shared Lives event today and even more delighted to see the progress that has been made over the past two years in the service. This is an innovative and exciting project that looks to embrace traditional values and puts service user's needs at the heart of the delivery. I was particularly impressed with the staff there who, regardless if they had been a part of the team from the start or had recently come onboard, had great enthusiasm and compassion.

I look forward to seeing how the service continues to develop in future years as they start to provide respite services as part of their package."

If you would like any further information on any aspect of our Shared Lives Service, or wish to share comments or feedback on our newsletter, please contact:

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