# Shopper – Aide News



We are a limited company set up in April 2011 as a charity called Shopper – Aide.

Our aim is to support older people (over 60 years) to live independently at home by providing a service:

## **Our Services**



Using Volunteers we will do your shopping and deliver to your door



Extra help e.g. change your bed, tidy a cupboard or a little weeding as well as a lift to an appointment.

Getting out and about we have Elderberries on a Tuesday and Thursday (12 noon to 4pm in the Free Church Hall George Street Campbeltown). For

Gentlemen we have Clachan Old Pals on a Friday afternoon and Southend Old Pals on a Wednesday afternoon.

# Here we are



23 Longrow, Campbeltown, PA28 6ER 01586 551600

We are open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm each day We sell Bellochantuy eggs.



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Second hand books.



Please call in to meet us.

## **Amazing Year**

## January 2017

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What an amazing year 2016 was for Shopper-Aide! Here are a few facts and figures that happened to us during that time:

- ➤ We had **7897** hours of volunteering which is an increase of **1600** hours from the previous year well done to all our incredible volunteers we couldn't do without you.
- ➤ Over £60,000 of shopping has been done in the local shops boosting our economy.
- ➤ Over **200** people have been supported by the Shopper-Aide family in at least one of the services we provide.
- We now employ 17 people from a few hours per week to full time posts.
- ➤ We raised over £500 from the sale of second hand books on our premises. Please continue to pop in and see the wide array of books we have to offer at only £1 for three.

# Southend Old Pals

Our new group only started a few weeks ago and we are confident it will grow from strength to strength. If you are male, aged 60 or over and would like to spend a Wednesday afternoon on different activities in Dunaverty Hall or you need support to attend the club then please phone us on 01586 551600.

## Clachan Old Pals

This group continues to be held on a Friday afternoon at the Village Hall please phone us for more information.

## **Elderberries**

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All our members have had a very busy time with lots of different activities taking place throughout the year. Here we have some of our members and Garry's Gang having an Ascot day at the races. It was a great afternoon with loads of prizes. Our outstanding winner was Margaret Mitchell

who won £16,100 but only in toy money I'm afraid.



At Elderberries we encourage everyone to choose what they want to do and in the case of our 'green fingered' members t was making Hanging Baskets with the help of some volunteers from South Kintyre Development Trust.

We try to have a very varied programme throught the year.

The club is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 4pm at the Free Church Hall in George Street. New members are welcome and if you require transport please just give us a phone on 01586 551600. Why don't you pop along for a tea/coffee with your friends and find out what is on their programme for this year. Everyone aged 60 or over is very welcome.

## **How You Can Support Us**

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At present it costs us £48.23 to keep one car on the road each week. Both our cars Cherryaide and Blueberry (yes we named them) take volunteers to deliver our shopping, they also support our members to attend our clubs, appointments and other activities. This helps our older people to stay connected to the community. We could not function without our cars and tremendous staff the volunteers who drive them.

Could you sponsor a car for a week? Your name or organisation would be displayed on the car and in our shop window as the sponsor for that week. Please contact Joan for more details.



## **Volunteering**



In November we were lucky to have the help of some very

young volunteers. Dalintober Nursery & Primary one pupils held a Citizenship Week which included them shopping for our clients. If you could spare even one hour per week please come and see us as we have many different volunteering opportunities. Together we can make a difference to older people in Kintyre.