

Age Concern Heathfield and District Latest Updates

August 2022

Our Wonderful News!



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

I am sure by now that many of you will have heard the fantastic news that Age Concern Heathfield and District has been awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services!

This is the highest award that any organisation can receive, and is the equivalent to an MBE that is awarded to individuals.

We are of course very proud and honoured to have been chosen, and it is testament to all the hard work of our volunteers past and present, that Age Concern has been recognized in this way.

Four of our volunteers were selected to attend a celebration afternoon tea, at Herstmonceux Castle, hosted by the Chairman of East Sussex County Council, in recognition of the outstanding work organisations do in supporting local communities.



We are to be officially presented with our Queen's Award and Certificate at an event on 3rd September 2022, where the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr. Andrew Blackman, will attend, along with as many of our past and present volunteers who have all worked so tirelessly to make Age Concern the organisation it is today.

We shall also be celebrating this achievement with as many of our clients as possible, at a special lunch to be held on 12th October 2022 – please see further details in this newsletter.

Thank you and congratulations to all our volunteers!

Dawn Brock & Alan Hale - Co Chairmen



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Queen's Award Celebration Lunch



Age Concern will be sponsoring a special Queen's Award, celebration lunch for our clients, to be held on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**, at Punnetts Town Village Hall, at 12.30pm, in lieu of the normal Country Lunch.

All are welcome to attend, even if you do not normally attend the Country Lunches.

We will provide minibus transport and lunch for those wishing to attend, but you **must RSVP** to let us know.

Spaces on the minibus will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please note: depending on numbers attending, we may have to change the meal to a buffet style one, to accommodate extra people, but either way, the meal and transport will be paid for by Age Concern.

For further information and to book a place, please phone Annabel Williams on **07808 000615** or Julie Langdon (01435) **863690** or Elizabeth Keating on (01435) **866960**

Medical Car Service

We are continuing to receive a high volume of requests for the use of our medical car service, and are therefore, always in need of more drivers. If you or anyone you know could spare a small amount of time, weekly, monthly or even on an ad hoc basis, we would love to hear from you. Driver's expenses are covered and mileage reimbursed to them at a rate of 45p per mile.

For further information, please phone Julie or Nicole on (01435) **515090**

Heathfield Men's Shed



'Uncle Albert' on his throne!

There are a number of places available for anyone wishing to join – lots of fun, regular social events, fully equipped workshop and chance to get involved in helping to make items to sell on our market stalls or for commissions.

If you would like to know more about the Men's Shed, please phone Nic Stenhouse, membership secretary on: **07850 992059**

