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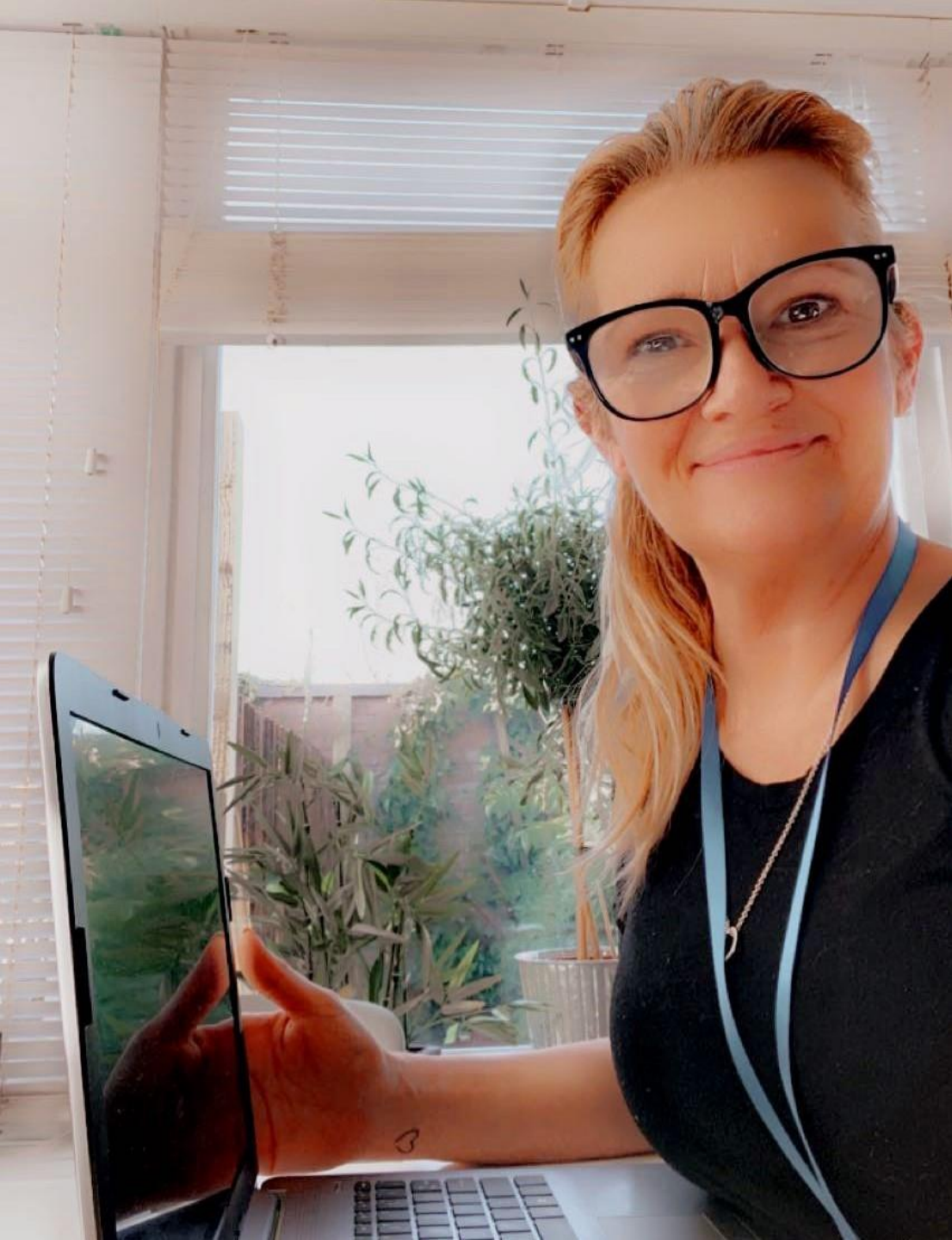
Some of our staff, volunteers and service users have shared photographs of themselves, their interests and hobbies. We share these with you here.

See who we are and some of the things we've been doing during lockdown.

PEOPLE



Take a look at us...



Lucy: Home working...

Chief Operating Officer

...Something that we all took on so quickly, we changed the whole way of working to keep safe through the lockdowns. Carrying out our daily work from home with laptops, VoIPs and mobiles we made a smooth transition to remote working without affecting our communication and delivering our good work. It can be lonely, cut off and miss the importance of physical communication in the office, but we had to adapt to the world around us, and now we have grown into this new way and have become TEAMS experts to help keep us connected.

Rachel

Assessor,
Cambridgeshire
Handyperson Service



I love my work and role of an Assessor within the organisation. I have worked here for almost 22 years and couldn't imagine doing anything different.



Marcia

Marcia, Executive Assistant

Life in Lockdown: There's a dog in my work-space!



Gill

Community Warden Team Leader

My work at home office.

Joe

Improving Mobility

By, Gemma, Community Warden

This lovely service user joined the warden scheme six weeks ago after a lengthy stay in hospital. He was looking to improve his mobility and confidence. After two short walks a week with him, he is ready to run!





Joy of a Dog

By, Anita, Community Warden

A lady I visit told me she felt she had to be kind and had no option but to give her beloved dog away as she could no longer walk her.

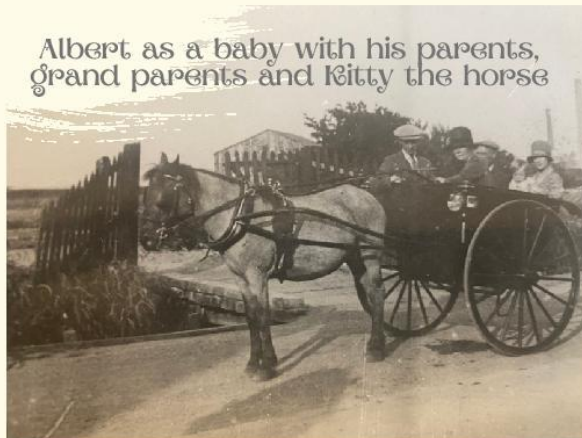
I put her in touch with a charity who organises volunteer dog walkers and in the meantime I walk Suzi(the dog) with love in my heart.

It's a joy and I'm so pleased that I've been able to help keep them together. It would have been heart breaking for her to have parted with her beloved dog.

Alison and Albert

Alison, Sharing Time
Volunteer, really
enjoys her
conversations with
Albert.

"He's an incredible
and interesting man."



Albert [redacted],
Service User
94 years old (nearly 95)
Cambridge
Alison Hall,
Volunteer
We have now been friends since 2018
thanks to Age UK



Lynn

Hospital Discharge Support Worker

Here I am in my AUKCAP polo shirt after doing a bed move. I mainly assess our service users at home to look at providing support which makes living at home easier and safer. I also help with emergency shopping, service user IT problems, assist with arranging doctor and medication call backs.



Mr and Mrs

Home together and supported by Lynn, Hospital
Discharge Support Worker

Ruth

Service user - Happy at Home





Zonia

Service user - Completing the Fenland Survey and pleased to be able to make a contribution.



Amy Lockdown Office

Visiting Support Service
Team Coordinator

As we moved to remote working, we set up a new desk space in the conservatory so that I wasn't looking at the same four walls of the spare bedroom! In the office I was used to having people around to chat to, so my cat and dog have filled that role nicely!



Dee

Hospital Discharge and
Hospital Avoidance
Support Service Team
Leader



Alison and Lynn

Alison (Sharing Time Volunteer) and Lynn

We share a mutual love of coffee, chatting, plus Christmas jumpers and cannot wait for visits to start again.





Ingrid

Service user

I gave an interview to the Cambridge Evening News about the Community Warden Service and my experience during the pandemic. I really appreciated the chance to put my thoughts forward and felt I was listened to.





Beverley

Communications and Campaigns
Manager

Our 'Bring Me Sunshine' video
cheered lots of us up – I can't
believe it's a year ago!

Every day is varied in my role, and
I love it.

Meg and Cathy

Sharing Time volunteer

Friends together, sharing time





Cathy

Service user

Taken by my friend Ruby



Dr Bryon Bache and his late wife

Service user

Bryon was responsible for pioneering the research into Acid Rain.



Talitha

Sharing Time Volunteer

Selfie

A photograph of an elderly man, Fred, sitting on a large rock in his garden. He is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, dark trousers, a watch on his left wrist, and a necklace with a gold pendant. The garden is a well-tended rock garden with various plants, including succulents, purple and yellow flowers, and several white ceramic duck figurines scattered among the rocks. In the background, there is a brick house with a tiled roof and a wooden pergola structure. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Fred.

Service user.

Enjoying the sunshine in his well-tended rock garden.



Michelle

Sharing Time volunteer

I'm so pleased to have had my hair done, now we're coming out of lockdown! I'm 'hair' ready to resume my visits soon.

Beryl - Celebrating 100 Years Young



Beryl with Joy, Sharing Time
Volunteer



Beryl with Carol, Sharing Time
Team Leader

Beryl shared some wisdom with us:

- Best piece of advice for a younger person? ***“Have a good time, learn to dance its great fun.”***
- Best invention? ***“Skype / facetime as this is how I keep in touch with Janice, my daughter in Canada.”***
- Secret to a long life? ***“Be kind, be happy, never lose your sense of humour”.***



Anne

Sharing Time Volunteer

Summer is coming, (soon I hope!)



Ally

Day Services Organiser

I enjoy making a difference to the service users lives. It's great to see them back and happy.

Paola

Day Services Volunteer

I enjoy talking to the service users and doing something for them – like here, putting flowers on the lunch tables, it's so cheerful.





Ron

It's great to be back. It's beautiful here, always something to do and someone to chat to. I feel 10 years younger when I'm here!



Arthur

I really enjoy being at the centre, it's all about the company and the staff are great.



Gill

I would be lost without this place and my friends.



Donna

Day Services Assistant Organiser

I enjoy being here and find it rewarding. I feel it's a very important service that we provide.





Michael

I like the games and all the fun we have.



Peter



IT'S THE BEST THING I EVER DID JOINING CHERRY TREES. IT'S A LOVELY ROOM AND I ALWAYS HAVE FUN.