

Major support for Corona challenge

Age UK Westminster looks after the welfare of some 4,500 older residents in this central London borough. Since the start of the Coronavirus, the demands on our services have massively increased but happily, we have been overwhelmed with offers of support from local residents, organisations and businesses.

The latest highlight is a further donation of £20,000 from The Howard de Walden Estate who have kindly provided us with financial support over the past five years. This generous donation will enable us to continue caring for over 100 acutely vulnerable older people, providing them with essential food and basic essentials. In addition, there are over 450 lonely residents who receive regular telephone befriending calls and our Information and Advice service receives some 15-20 calls daily from people needing help with food provision or worries over family members from whom they are isolated.

We are providing weekly online “Zoom chats” for those who want to join in, and we have organised another “Techy Tea Party,” sponsored by the investment company Fidelity to help people improve their computer skills with one to one support from dedicated volunteers. Other activities include exercise videos and “Pub Quiz”, which will change weekly, organised by Twitter.

Chair of Age UK Westminster, Fiona Healy-Connelly said “We are hugely grateful for the many offers of support we have received at this critical time but more help is still needed.” Donations can be made on our website:

<https://www.ageuk.org/westminster/get-involved/donate>.

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