

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th September 2023

1.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Apologies: Hilary King, Sheila Dale, Jane Hanlon, Clive Robinson, Madeleine Carrington, Bruce Battams, Fay Read, Jan Lloyd</p> <p>Present: Steve Bates, Sarah Setterfield, Shona Manson, Christine Cartwright, Bob & Vanda Gould, John Neale, Judith Westell, Mark Pitman, Jacqui Coleman, Gordon & Angela Lovell, Dr Adam Staten, Elspeth Woods</p>	
2.	<p>Speaker: Richard from Blue Box</p> <p>A very interesting talk about community alarms and the way blue box works. A 10-year-old, LA funded organisation, with a small staff of between 3 – 8 on duty at a time, cover the whole of the MK area providing support for a variety of alarm systems available to clients to enable them to live safely in their homes. Called out 495 times in August, they average 30 calls per day. They offer 24/7 service with users referred by Social Services or self-referral. They offer a range of products including medicine dispensers. GPD trackers, Memrabel as well as routine alarms. A means tested charge is made for services which equates to roughly £49 per three months for a basic call alarm. Tight targets to get to call outs are met, 2 mons to get out the door and out of client home within 45 minutes.</p> <p>Steve thanked Richard for a most informative talk.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes for September meeting approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PPG Awareness - £944.79 raised over the three days. Lessons learned – Mon-Wed better – Thursday was very slow in terms of footfall. <p>We agreed that new PPG badges and Hi Viz jackets in a variety of sizes including larger sizes be purchased.</p> <p>A huge thank you to Bob and Vanda, Gordon and Angela and Steve for the work done to sort out donations and the raffle and to all volunteers who set up and participated in the selling of raffle tickets.</p> <p>Discussion re Card Reader as so many people don't carry money with them. In principle, it was agreed we should acquire one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Flu and Covid clinics are filling up nicely. Rota underway and have been sent to relevant 	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Christine to look into various options – John Neale to share his knowledge of other organisations using card readers</p>

	<p>volunteer groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Newsletter has been published and the surgery have confirmed they will pay for the printing, Thanks to Shona and Jane for collaborating to get the bumper issue out. Any ideas for inclusion in the next newsletter to Shona, 4. Request for paperbacks and hard back books for the bookshelves. We are running out. Donations to the surgery. 5. Question over whether we should do a raffle at the flu clinics. We agreed to see how it ran on the first date then if appropriate we'll do a raffle on the second clinic. 6. Privacy notice re GDPR rules has been circulated for us to consider in respect of PPG membership. A small committee to be formed to look at it. Mark/Elspeth/Shona/Jane put forward 7. We discussed the matter of future dates for meetings. After considering the points made in the past, and the surgeries position on availability – agreement reached that Monday evenings work best and the second Monday of the month avoided difficulties with bank holidays. <p>Meeting Closed</p>	<p>Gordon to get some pictures of McMillan Concert</p> <p>Elspeth to ask online group for donations of books</p> <p>To be confirmed</p> <p>Elspeth to re-do the dates and circulate with next month's agenda</p>
	<p>Next full PPG meeting – Monday 9th October 2023 @ 6.15pm</p>	<p>.</p>

Elspeth Woods
Secretary to Red House PPG