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YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM RYEDALE CARERS SUPPORT

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Hi Everyone

It's a good news edition!

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome our new coordinator, Heather Witty, to the team. Find out more about Heather and the rest of the RCS team in our *Spotlight On...* item overleaf.

Secondly, we have secured the Sitting Service contract with NYCC. Our core funding is now secure for at least 3 years and probably longer, as there is the option to extend for a further 4 years. We certainly won't be resting on our laurels: we will always be fundraising for special projects. I know many of you miss 'Songs and Scones', so we will be working on getting a flagship musical event up and running again in the near future.

With very many thanks for all you do 😊

Claire and the RCS Team



Recently moved, Jacque discovers what rush hour looks like in the country!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Dementia: ways to cope' on Tuesday 26th September, 2-4pm at Amotherby Village Hall

Professor June Andrews is an inspirational dementia expert whose impact on healthcare in the UK and further afield is considerable. We are grateful that she has made time to visit and talk with us. This event is FREE to RCS volunteers, families and their carers.



The Friday Place @ Scampston Walled Garden Conservatory, every Friday 2-4pm

The Bothies invite you and the person you visit (and/or their families) to this peaceful space where you are welcome to spend a couple of hours enjoying the garden views, optional activities and refreshments on sale. There is no charge for entry. **A member of the RCS team will be on hand to welcome visitors on 8th &**

22nd September and 13th & 20th October. Please contact The Bothies to book on 07776 354190.

IN THE MONEY

More good news! Our recent raffle raised an amazing **£815!** We have also been given a donation of **£2000** from Yorkshire Building Society and **£750** from Classic Cottages, both thanks to carers who are connected with these organisations. THANK YOU 😊



SPOTLIGHT ON MEET THE TEAM

Claire Hall – Chief Officer

I arrived at Ryedale Carers Support in September 1994, having worked for numerous voluntary organisations, including Ryedale Disability Action Group. Despite being a southerner, I have now lived in Ryedale for over 40 years. I am married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren – plus Mango, our mad 3-year-old cocker spaniel.



Isabelle Harrison – Rural Activities Co-ordinator



I run Lythe Farmers Breakfast where we all share a bacon butty and chat with friends on a Wednesday morning. I also help with Virtual Walks and other activities in the Ryedale Carers Support umbrella. When I haven't got my clean clothes and work hat on, I run a busy, small, mixed livestock farm near Ugthorpe along with my husband. We try to farm as sustainably as possible, growing our own hay and maintaining a closed herd/flock.

Samantha Berriman – Administrator

Local to Kirkbymoorside, I am a mum to two young children. My previous work roles were in the travel & tourism industry. I started with the team in November 2020. In my spare time, I enjoy diamond art, colouring and reading a good psychological thriller- and not forgetting spending time taking my 2 children out.



Jacque Cole – Development Worker



I started on the same day as Sam, in the middle of lockdown! My work background spans journalism, community outreach, education and libraries. When I'm not juggling my RCS work with my role as programme co-ordinator for Woodbrooke Quaker Training and Research Centre, I love pottering in my garden, cuddling my black cat Bramble and singing in the village choir.

Heather Witty – Co-ordinator

Welcome to the newest member of our team ☺ I have lived in the local area for over 30 years. After getting married and having 4 children, I went to university later on in life to train as a teacher. I have worked as a secondary school teacher since 2004. In my spare time, you will find me gardening, walking my two terriers or reading a good book.

