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NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone!

Since the last newsletter we welcomed new volunteers Kim and Alyce, welcomed back Janet and new staff members Pete and Fran.

This is our last newsletter for 2022! Where did the year go? It's behind you! Oh no it isn't! Not quite anyway! But Panto season is upon us and my children and I have our seats booked at the lovely Key Theatre in Peterborough. We haven't been for about 16 years and have a combined age of 102 but that hasn't put us off, as the Panto is uplifting at any age! Oh yes it is!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all our volunteers, Trustees and staff for their continued dedication and support, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Kind regards

Tina

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HIGHLIGHTS

Spotlight on... Pete Gale

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Meet ups, mince pies and updates!

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Thank you

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SPOT LIGHT ON ... PETE GALE

Pete has joined us as Data and Business Manager.

He comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to promote Care Network's Mission and Vision.

Pete does not have a direct role with volunteers but you may well speak to him if you call in. Over to you Pete...



I started working in the care sector in 1991 after leaving school, I have continued to work in roles that have allowed me to actively promote other peoples wellbeing and assist them through difficult periods.

I have worked within a variety of settings including Mental Health, Children and Young People and Older People.

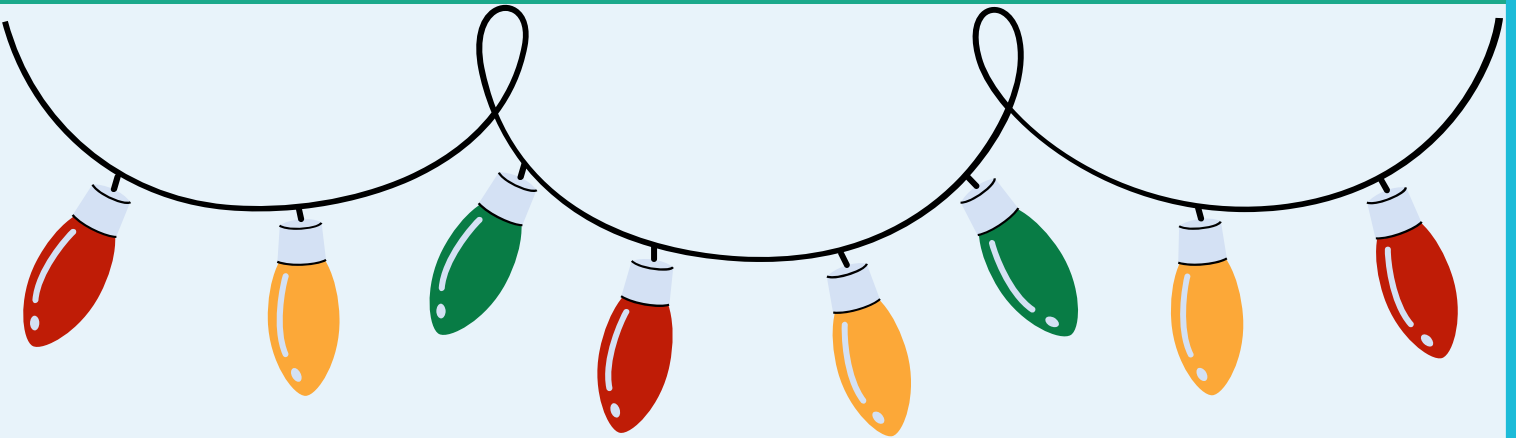
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I qualified as a Social Worker in 2011 and continue to be very passionate about making sure people have their views listened to and ensuring they are not forgotten about.

Joining Care Network Cambridgeshire has allowed me to join a charity that has these values at their core, people at the heart of everything.

Kindest regards, Pete

What did we do in 2022?



We sent out regular newsletters, Shout Outs and Special Bulletins.

We organised meet ups in every locality opting for outdoor meet up/walks to catch up with you.

We sent out the Annual Volunteer Survey.

We continued to recruit new volunteers for all roles, with a focus on Peterborough and the Fens area.

We rolled out a DBS renewal programme.

We invited you along to community awareness events.

We advised you of paid employment opportunities with us.

We returned to face to face assignments, giving the option of redeployment to remote support for those that preferred this volunteer role.

We kept you informed of training opportunities.

We combined the compulsory update training with a catch up, Christmas jumpers and mince pies! Despite the surprise snow fall we still had a great turn out at Hardwick!

Meet ups, mince pies and updates!



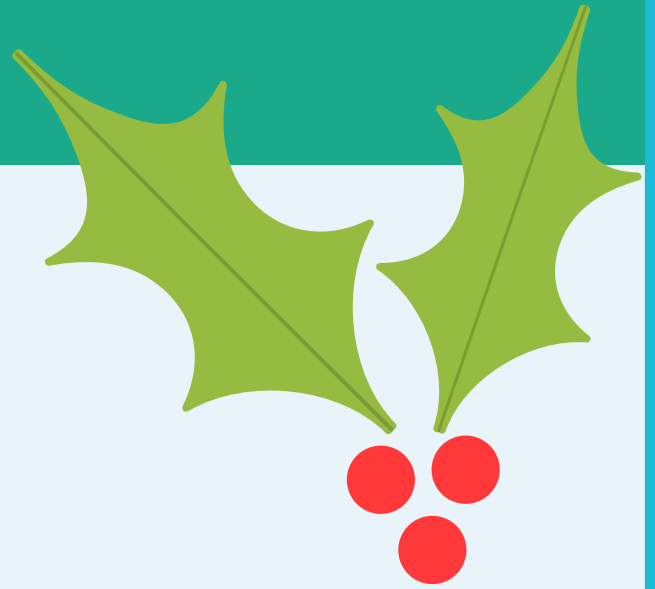
"Just a short note to say "thank you" and your team for an interesting afternoon yesterday, it's good to meet people face to face now and again and be aware of all that's going on within the organisationd."

"Thank you for the Volunteer Refresher Training on Monday. I found it informative, interesting and fun! Also, it was good to meet in person the staff and some of the other volunteers."



"Yesterday was a good, straightforward reminder of where we all started from when we volunteered. It's been exceptionally difficult for everyone the last couple plus years not to drift away. As if we could with you on our case. HAHA."

Exceptional you...



Jess, one of our East volunteer team sings in a choir and was recently on stage with Gareth Malone. Do you have a hidden talent?

Thank you...



‘When I first joined Care Network I was amazed by the number of both volunteers and clients that the organisation engaged with, but the longer I stay here the more I see that we can only support our clients because we have such an incredible team of volunteers who give up their time to make other people’s lives a little bit less complicated, to make life a little bit better at a time when things can seem overwhelming. With so many difficult things happening in the world it is a joy to know that you are still there making that difference, helping those around you and putting people at the heart of everything, thank you.’

Thank you from Cheryl, Head of Compliance, Resources and Risk

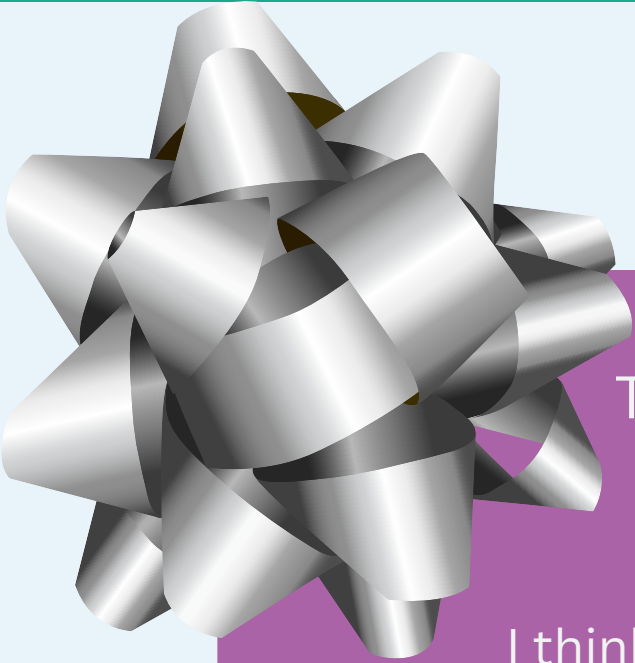


A thanks from Jill Worth, Trustee

I would like to personally thank the Care Network volunteers for all their hard work and enthusiasm during the past year. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Care Network and the help they provide is more necessary than ever in the current economic situation and especially during the cold winter months. Care Network couldn’t achieve our valuable work without our dedicated volunteers.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

... and Merry Christmas



Thank you from Mike Hill,
Chair of Trustees

I think that Care Network Cambridgeshire, came from volunteering, from local people wanting to help someone in their local community at a time they needed that support. So for me, going forward CNC remains at heart a volunteer's organisation, aided and abetted by the brilliant CNC staff, all making a real and grateful difference for those who reach out for help.

I think our volunteers are a real part of our USP, what makes us different in what we do, so really happy to support and applaud them!

Merry Christmas!

Volunteer Survey: You said, we did...

Following the Government lifting all pandemic restrictions earlier in 2022, we started our journey into the new normal.

We invited you, our volunteers, to complete the annual volunteer survey which gives you the opportunity to have a voice and help inform development and the strategic plan for 2023.

Margaret Pearce Higgins, Trustee, had this to say "I wish to thank all the volunteers who completed the survey, enabling me as a trustee, to find out more about the great work they do for CNC and would like to continue to support in all that they do."

We put your responses to the staff to get ideas on how the service was taken forward post pandemic and where possible incorporate your ideas.

We are delighted to include the You Said, We did report with this end of year round up. Merry Christmas!

