Introduction

Following dismal winter rain and storms, spring is welcome every year. What an amazing sight it is to see the daffodils, bluebells and cherry blossoms against clear blue skies. The world is bright with colours as spring has sprung. Wish you a very happy springtime.

Shop Mobility

Sales and Hire in Farnborough have done well over the Christmas and New Year period helping our community.

Sales have been good. The people purchasing them are very grateful due to the high cost of new products and so far feedback has been very positive. Our relationship with the community has increased and goes to show that Limbcare’s service is essential. This highlights the work we are doing and the goals we want to achieve.

We are currently reigning in our collection service of second hand goods to a 50 mile radius from Farnborough. This is mainly due to limited storage space and shortage of voluntary drivers. If you need further information, please call us on 01252 540 551
Welfare Rights Service

This is excellent service provided by Limbcare to amputees and their families. The gains are huge – in the region of each person seen being £5k better off on average. It’s also nearly 100 people seen and helped who may have come across the charity for the first time – which is great.

Maggie wrote to say. With the support of our benefits team, she has managed to sort out her benefit payments. She says ‘it’s been all because of you. I am so grateful for your help. I have been so anxious, it feels like you saved my life and I really mean that. I can’t thank you enough’.

Well Being Centre

Our Aim is to establish and operate a countrywide facility for amputees and their families to have access to psychological and physical help needed post limb loss. To help us achieve this please see link below:

Values

- To offer research assistance, where possible, to assist developments relating to prosthetics, orthotics and any other research which will create a better life for all limb impaired people and to establish and promote best practice for this.
- To be a Centre of excellence and support to those who need it most.

Volunteering with us

We always need volunteers to help with fundraising, events and collections. So if you feel you can spare a few hours a week helping us to help others, please feel free to send us your details by filling in the online application form on our website. We welcome all the help you can give us, we desperately need people with marketing, media and fundraising backgrounds. If you are interested please email us on info@limbcare.org
Fundraising
We continue to look for funding to create a 'limb listener' service. The aim is to offer 1-1 home/hospital visits as well as a confidential telephone help line.

As amputees, we know the best medicine is to talk to a fellow amputee. This helps boost morale immensely and gives hope for a brighter future as well as offering the other services Limbcare provides. A friendly voice at the end of the phone goes a long way.

We have seen an increase in requests for this kind of help. If you would like to make a donation, please visit www.limbcare.org/donate to help us to help you.

Our Quiz Night in February
We hosted a Quiz Night in Sandhurst was a huge success. Thank you to Terry Peters our Quiz Master, Sandhurst Town Council for donating the Hall and Oysters Fish Bar for supplying the food. I would also like to say a special 'thank you' to our fantastic and dedicated Limbcare volunteer team. We raised a sum of £506.20.

Upcoming ~Collections and Events

March
2nd Collection at Sainsbury, Farnborough
16th Collection at Tesco, Camberley
22nd Collection at Longacres
23rd Collection at Tesco, Brooklands Weybridge

Our local MP and the Minister for Disability are paying us a visit. We look forward to our meeting to give them an outline of our services and showing them our Shopmobility service in Farnborough. We hope this will raise our profile locally and nationally.

April
27th Collection at Asda, Farnborough

May
11th Collection at Morrison, Fleet

June -
8th Collection at Tesco, Brooklands Weybridge
8th Iron Man Challenge
22nd Collection at Tesco, Camberley
30th Wokingham Bikeathon

Get involved, Aldershot – details on Rushmoor Borough Council website
Message from the Chairman

Thank you for all your continued support, I look forward to working closely with you all this year. In my experience, the greatest highlight of the work I do is to visit and help a fellow amputee and lend support to their families. This is the best part of my job, which really does not feel like work.

Ray Edwards MBE

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