Renhold Good Neighbour Scheme

**Dear Resident,**

We are looking to work with local residents to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in Renhold working with Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

A Good Neighbour Scheme is a voluntary group run by local residents who recognise the value in having ‘good neighbours’, particularly where public transport and other local services can be limited and where people’s family may not live close by.

Each volunteer decides what sort of help they are able to offer, how much and when. They do not undertake jobs best left to qualified professionals but can help with things like occasional lifts, befriending or shopping. All volunteers are fully insured and have a DBS check for extra peace of mind.

If you think you might like to help, the amount of time you volunteer is entirely up to you – even a couple of hours a month helps! All volunteer expenses are reimbursed and all volunteers are fully insured and have a DBS check.

Please return the survey below to indicate if you can help/might need help by ticking the relevant boxes.

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| **Possible Services** | **I might need this myself** | **I might be able to help with this** |
| Occasional lifts to doctors, lunch clubs, shops, etc. |  |  |
| Befriending – popping round for a chat & cup of tea |  |  |
| Form filling / letter writing / help with using a computer |  |  |
| Collecting prescriptions / occasional help with shopping |  |  |
| Small household repairs/practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb) |  |  |
| Pet-care / dog-walking etc. |  |  |
| Indoor plant watering / light gardening |  |  |
| Being part of the phone rota, to answer callers and match them to a suitable volunteer |  |  |
| Being part of the organising group – helping with publicity, fundraising, etc. |  |  |
| Other – please specify |  |  |

**Name:** …………………………………………………………………………………….………

**Telephone/ email:** ………………………………………………………………………………

**Please return this survey to Renhold Lower School or The Chapel,** Woodfield Lane, Renhold Beds MK41 0LH. You can also complete online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RenholdGNS>

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