

There have been some developments since our last newsletter in February.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE STILL HERE, WITH THE AIM TO ASSIST DISABLED, VULNERABLE AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN SOUTH LANARKSHIRE WHERE EVER WE ARE ABLE TO.

COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS AND REPAIRS ADVICE SERVICE

The Community Adaptations and Repairs Advice Service was taken back 'in-house' by the Local Authority on 01 April 2021.

This is a Contract that we were privileged to deliver on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council for the last 25 years, allowing us to assist many thousands of residents with vital home repairs and adaption advice and assistance.

The two members of staff who were 100% committed to the Contract have successfully transferred over to the Local Authority via TUPE. This will ensure that existing clients will get continuity of service which will make sure that there are no delays with the works being carried out, which is really good news!

Clients looking for advice and help with medical adaptations and major home repairs should now contact:

- In writing to Community Repairs Advice Service, South Lanarkshire Council, Brandon Gate, Floor 3A, Hamilton, ML3 0XB.
- By email to communityrepairadvice@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
- By telephone on 0303 123 1025

WHAT WE ARE STILL DOING:

We continue to work with Social Work to install community alarms and peripheral telecare devices, key safes and euro locks.

Our **SAFE AS HOUSES** service continues as normal and we continue to receive self-referrals and from a number of partner agencies.

Our new **SMALL REPAIRS** service started last year as a pilot and has been quite successful despite the restrictions due to Covid. We will be advertising this service more widely this month as we will hopefully be able to carry out more work after the **26 April**.

WHAT WE ARE PLANNING:

- ◆ Assist clients to become compliant with the new home fire detection legislation that comes into effect in February 2022. We plan to be able to install compliant interconnected wireless & battery operated devices for clients, resulting in a home that is safer with minimal disruption.
- ◆ Apply for funding to assist clients living with dementia at home by installing minor adaptations on advice from medical professionals.
- ◆ Develop a project to assist clients with the purchase and installation of minor adaptations such as grab rails and additional stair bannisters which will help to keep clients safe at home.
- ◆ Installation of solar lights for home security and client safety at night.
- ◆ Investigate projects to ensure electrical safety, energy efficiency and general home safety.
- ◆ Look into the regular request for assistance with gardening.
- ◆ Any other projects that will help clients to remain at home in a safe and secure environment.



Peter, our Small Repair Officer

We would be delighted to hear from individuals or agencies with requests for assistance or from anyone who has a suggestion for a project that would suit Care and Repair and be of value to residents in South Lanarkshire.

Please call us on 01555 666200

or email us at enquiries@careandrepair-sl.co.uk

or write to us at 6a Hope Street, Lanark ML11 7LZ

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