



BASSETLAW ACTION CENTRE IS BACK IN ACTION!

... and is pleased to announce the re-opening of their Retford Office on 5th October.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, business as usual stopped at Bassetlaw Action Centre in March this year. They ceased all face to face activity with clients, closed their office base and most of their services. They suspended the delivery of Staying Well Courses, IT classes, minibus trips and made the remaining services into telephone based services.

However, two completely new areas of work were introduced. One of these was the Safe and Well Check telephone calls not only to establish that older and vulnerable clients were accessing all the help they need, but also to reduce social isolation amongst this vulnerable group. The second was an essential shopping service for anyone in the at risk group. Both of these services proved to be a lifeline for many shielding clients in the local area.

Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive said "There have certainly been some challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and I am delighted that our organisation has been able to respond in such a timely, proactive and innovative way to meet the needs of local people. I must acknowledge with grateful thanks both our staff and volunteers for their support and dedication at this time.

Mrs D Brammer said about the shopping service "Bassetlaw Action Centre has been an absolute saviour"

Thankfully, the full range of our services is now being reintroduced for the benefit of the Bassetlaw Community. The Community Car Scheme, which assists Bassetlaw residents who are unable to use public transport is offering a full service again. Measures are in place to ensure the safety of our passengers and drivers including the wearing of face coverings, passengers sitting in the back seat and vehicles being sanitised between each run.



Through the Get Out, Get Active (GOGA) program, various programs and activities are available to support individuals to become more active which benefits both physical and mental health.

The new walking tennis group which has proven to be a real success and is an area where social distancing is maintained whilst participating in a group activity.

Bassetlaw Action Centre is a volunteer led organisation committed to offering volunteering opportunities throughout the organisation. There are currently opportunities for car drivers, befrienders for the befriending service, staying well tutors, shopping support volunteers and Get Out Get Active support volunteers,

If you require any further information on Bassetlaw Action Centre's services or volunteering opportunities contact them on 01777 709650, or www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk

At present they are open for telephone enquiries from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday (answer machine available outside of these times) and will be reopening their offices on Canal Street, Retford, from Monday 5th October. Any one calling into the office for information will be required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing. Meetings and advice sessions will need to be booked in advance.