



Merton Councillor David Williams hands over the keys to the Wimbledon Guild's new Handyperson van

The Wimbledon Guild and Age UK Merton are extremely pleased to introduce the new extended Handyperson Service, a friendly local service which offers help to older or less able people with odd jobs around the house. Help with household repairs at an affordable fee, from house decorating to changing light bulbs can make a huge difference to local people in need of support.

The Handyperson Service is a partnership between The Wimbledon Guild and Age UK Merton and the donation of a new van will be a huge boost to the support it offers across the community. If you are disabled or aged over 50 and are struggling with much needed jobs around the house, a friendly face and helping hand is just a phone call away.

Chief Executive of The Wimbledon Guild, Wendy Pridmore said:

'The Wimbledon Guild and Age UK Merton are delighted to collaborate in providing this borough wide Handyperson Service. It is a vital part of supporting ageing in the community and can make a huge difference to people's lives by offering practical help where it is needed'

For more information or to book an appointment with The Handyperson Service, please call: 020 8648 5792 or email info@ageukmerton.org.uk

The Wimbledon Guild is a dynamic local charity with a longstanding heritage. With supporting ageing as one of its three core aims, it recognises the importance of maintaining an active and varied social experience and strongly believes there should be no age limit to enjoying life. Visit www.wimbledonguild.co.uk for more information or contact Chloe Rowley: e.crowley@wimbledonguild.co.uk

Age UK Merton is an independent charity that was established in 1950. Some 60 years later, we still continue to provide practical services and work with and for older people and their carers in the London Borough of Merton. Whether you need advice, access to services for older people, are looking for something fun to do in the area, or are interested in volunteering visit www.ageukmerton.org.uk or contact info@ageukmerton.org.uk for more information.

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Notes to Editors:

- The Wimbledon Guild was established in 1907 to provide financial, social and practical support for people in the Wimbledon area from the heart of the community
- The Wimbledon Guild aims to help local people lead a better life by tackling poverty, supporting ageing and encouraging mental well-being
- These three aims are achieved through The Wimbledon Guild's Ageing Well scheme, their counselling service (completely free for under 18s), a free furniture recycling project, the Small Grants Programme and a charity shop in Mitcham
- To find out more about what The Wimbledon Guild has been up to in the last year, take a look at the latest Annual Review or visit www.wimbledonguild.co.uk