

March – August 2025



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Heart of the West District



Newton Library



Walks



Theatre



Day Trip



Dining Out



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



History



Come and join us for our regular coffee events (see page 4 for details)

Dear Members and Friends Welcome to our Out and About Events Diary for March – August 2025

As you thumb through, you'll see we have some great events planned. There are three regular coffee catch-ups, always popular because it's a relaxed environment that makes getting to know each other easy. There are talks, tours and outings that are both interesting and fun. Hope to see you at some of them!

New events get added and sometimes things change, so if you do have an email address but haven't shared it with us yet, please do so as it's the easiest way for us to keep you informed. We never share your details with third parties but you will get more out of your membership if we can keep you up-to-date on what's happening. There is a lot of information on our Facebook page and of course our Oddfellows website.

It's been so exciting seeing Members and new faces attend the events and I have really enjoyed getting to know you. We are a friendly, interesting group so if you haven't attended anything yet, we'd love you to join us.

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Belinda is our Branch Secretary and is responsible for the day to day running of our Branch, monthly accounts, Care & Welfare claims, meeting minutes and administration.



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For more information or to book any event, please call Tara.



I think I have the best job in the world, and I am so passionate about our Society. Feel free to give me a call, or Belinda, should you want more information or to introduce yourself. We are here to help you get the most out of your membership and your social life!

Tara Carlisle
Social Organiser

Message from our Chairman

Dear Members,

As Chairman of this District I feel privileged to have been part of its transition from the old Exeter District Oddfellows to the new, more appropriately named 'Heart of the West District', as it reflects the large area of the South West that we cover.

We have a great new forward thinking and enthusiastic management Committee, and have been very pleased to welcome our new District Secretary Belinda Newton, and our new Social Organiser, Tara Carlisle who have both proved themselves to be just right for their roles in the progression of our District and with new Committee members Allyson and Paul Major.

Not forgetting original members that bring a wealth of experience and are totally dedicated to their roles on the committee. Adrian Hemming, Cheryl Page and Peter Clarke have their hands on the rudder to steer us in the right direction.

So together we make a formidable team that will work hard to make the Heart of

the West District successful and make you all proud to be members.

Yours in Friendship Love and Truth

Margaret Clarke

(The Children's Hospice South West is the chosen charity of our Chairman, Margaret Clarke. Any donations from Branch fundraising events, or raffles held in 2025 will be given to this worthy charity).



REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk**



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Regular Events

Coffee and a Catch Up



11am



Cost of drinks
and food



**First Monday
of the month**

The first Monday of every month, we'll be waiting to greet you and hear all your news. A great chance to make new friends and bring along some of the ones you already have! Pop upstairs and join us for a relaxed, but friendly welcome. Members receive their first regular hot drink free, throughout 2025. Austins Coffee Shop, Courtenay Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2DU. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

**3 March
7 April**

**5 May
2 June**

**7 July
4 August**

Tea at 2!



2pm



As per menu



**Second Tuesday
of the month**

Join us for 'Tea at 2!', every second Tuesday of the month. We meet at Indulgence Tearooms, Newton Abbot, where there is friendship and cake in abundance. No booking needed, you can just turn up, but if you'd like to let us know you plan to join us, we'll keep a space for you! The Victoria sponge cake is another matter; that's every man for himself! Everyone welcome, hope to see you there. Indulgence Tearooms, 40 Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2HH. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

**11 March
8 April**

**13 May
10 June**

**8 July
12 August**

Wednesday Waffle



11am



As per menu



**Last Wednesday
of the month**

Join us upstairs in the John Lewis Café - The Place To Eat in Exeter. We will be meeting on the last Wednesday of every month at 11am. Members receive their first regular hot drink free, throughout 2025. A great chance to meet new friends and bring along some of the ones you already have. An informal, relaxed meet-up for friendship to develop and cake to be sampled! Look out for our banner and our smiles! John Lewis, 1 Sidwell Street, Exeter EX4 6NN. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

**26 March
30 April**

**28 May
25 June**

**30 July
27 August**

March 2025

MON
24 **Talk from Devon and Somerset Fire Officer**

L 2.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



Hosted in the Garden Room at Fermoy's Garden Centre, join us for a talk from a local Fire Officer, with tips and advice to keep yourself safe and what to do in the event of a fire in your home. Ticket price includes a hot drink. Arrive early and enjoy some cake, or a hot lunch. Wander around the garden centre, visit the Darts Farm Master Butchers onsite, the pet shop or the gift section. There's lots to enjoy! Get in contact to book your place and then pay on the day - cash only. A relaxed, social event with an informative talk. Everyone welcome. Fermoy's Garden Centre, Totnes Road, Ipplepen, Devon TQ12 5TN. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

April

WED
02 **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**

L 1.30pm

£ £27



Get ready for an adventure as the West End smash-hit production of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' comes to the Princess Theatre, Torquay. Step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia, where a world of wonder awaits! This matinee performance is a perfect afternoon for children and adults alike. Join us - your



ready-made friendship group and bring family or friends too. Get in touch early as numbers are very limited. Payment secures your seat, required by Tuesday 11 March and will be non-refundable after this date. Princess Theatre, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EZ. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

April

WED
23

Dartington Grade II Listed Gardens Tour and/or Food at The Green Table



2pm



£5



We did this tour last year, but it was so popular, you've asked to do it again! Hopefully, if nature is on track, it should be a wonderful chance to see the Cherry Blossom and Magnolia in full splendour. Booking with us is essential - not through Dartington, so get in touch to secure a place on this guided tour - there are restrictions on group size. Meet under the arch for a prompt 2pm start. Card payments only, payable on the day. Beforehand, perhaps we could grab some refreshments in The Green Table, or maybe just pop to meet us for lunch if the tour doesn't appeal. We'll need numbers to reserve a suitably sized table, so please also confirm if you plan to eat. Dartington Hall, Totnes TQ9 6EE. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.



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May

MON
19

Talk from Devon Air Ambulance



2.30pm



Members £4
Guests £5



Ian Payne - ex Devon Air Ambulance pilot, will host this talk on the trials and tribulations faced by one of our best loved charities. Donations will be greatly welcomed for this important organisation, that rely heavily on donations from the public in order to provide their valuable, life-saving service. There will also be some merchandise available to purchase - please support generously if you can. Talk commences at 3pm sharp, so please allow enough time beforehand to obtain refreshments and take your seat. It will be held in The Garden Room at Fermoys Garden Centre. Tickets are £4 for members, £5 for guests (cash only) and includes a regular hot drink. Booking is essential. Get in touch if you'd like to attend. Why not make an afternoon of it and arrive early for a wander around the garden centre, pet shop, Darts Farm Master Butcher and gift shop? Fermoys Garden Centre, Totnes Road, Ipplepen, Devon TQ12 5TN. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

THURS
05

Italian Gardens Tour



2pm



Members £8
Guests £10



The Italian Garden covers an area of four-acres, the garden was designed and built for Arthur Smith Graham between 1909 and 1912. It is the only surviving garden created by Devon architect, Thomas Henry.



Join us for a private tour to see the beauty for yourself. Spaces are restricted to 14. Non-refundable payment by Tuesday 20 May will secure your place. Event will go ahead even in rain, but severe weather might force rescheduling. Sensible footwear essential for uneven terrain. No wheelchair access. This event tallies well with the talk from Italian Gardens expert, on Monday 16 June, but both events can be enjoyed independently of each other. Italian Gardens, Great Ambrook Avenue, Ipplepen, Devon TQ12 5UL. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

MON
16

Italian Gardens Illustrated Talk and/or Lunch at Ten Tors Inn



11.30am



Members £6
Guests £8



Angela Dodd-Crompton has dedicated years of her life to uncovering the secrets of the forgotten Italian Gardens. She has meticulously researched the story of the garden's creator, Arthur Smith Graham and will share her photographs, knowledge and hypotheses with us. It's quite a story. If you were lucky enough to get a space on the tour around the Italian Gardens on Thursday 5 June, this fascinating address will add another level of understanding to the history of these wonderful gardens, very nearly lost. Tickets are non-refundable and full payment by Tuesday 20 May secures your space. Why not stay for lunch afterwards to discuss what we have just learnt? Or skip the talk and arrive at 1pm for conversation and friendship over some food? Please let us know if you are planning to have lunch, with or without the talk, so that we can reserve a suitably sized table. Lunch cost is not included in ticket price and will be dependent on your order choices. Ten Tors Inn, Exeter Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot TQ12 3NP. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

July

TUES

22

RNLI Boathouse Tour



11.30am



Donations



Come and see what happens behind the scenes of the RNLI's (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) Boathouse in Teignmouth. An hour long talk and a chance to look around, find out what happens when an emergency call comes through and see what it's like to be a RNLI volunteer. This is a free event, but donations are very much encouraged and there will be a chance to buy merchandise to support this worthy charity. Places are limited to 12 and will be available to members first and guests if there are spaces left. You must contact us to secure your place. If there is enough demand, it might be possible to cater for a second group at 12.30pm. Afterwards, perhaps find a coffee shop for a spot of lunch? Teignmouth Lifeboat Station, The Point Car Park, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8BW. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

August

TUES

19

Birds of Prey Display



1.30pm



Over 60s £5, Under 60s £6



The Devon Birds of Prey Centre is beside Fermoys. We will be watching a flying demonstration featuring eagle owls, a barn owl, falcons and Harris hawks, and learn some interesting facts on these beautiful creatures. The experience is weather dependent, lasts around 40 minutes and you are free to enjoy some time in the centre before or after the display. We can meet inside the entrance at 1.30pm, ready for the show at 2pm. Book with us to confirm your place. Afterwards, we can wander across the car park to Fermoys for refreshments and a chat. If the weather is bad and means the display can't go ahead, we can go straight to cake! Devon Birds of Prey Centre, Fermoys, Totnes Road, Ipplepen TQ12 5TN. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

Bring friendship to your front room



There are many reasons that might prevent you from being able to attend some of our events in person. A clash in the diary might mean something else takes priority, you might not be able to spare the cost this time, or perhaps you just want to stay close to home that day.

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions.

These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

What's coming up online

We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

Friday 14 March 7pm, Fun on Friday – bingo to beetle drives and even quizzes!

Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 542 724 7603

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on events@oddfellows.co.uk, with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/events or ask me to send you a list by email.

Tara Carlisle
Social Organiser

Mary, the 91 year old Morris Minor

Mary is a 1934, long wheelbase Morris Minor. When I acquired her four and half years ago, she had no brakes, the engine didn't run and hadn't been started in 10 years. Luckily I have a friend who owns a recovery business, who kindly helped transport Mary the 400 miles from Warwickshire to Devon.



I qualified as a motor mechanic in 1976 and had the pleasure of helping to rebuild a 1959 Jaguar XK120 and an Austin Healey 3000 but that was a long time ago. The knowledge was still there, just a bit rusty. Talking of rust, I made an electrolysis bath using a 12-volt battery charger to remove rust. It was like magic – all of the rust came off the brake parts. William Morris, the founder of Morris cars (who became Lord Nuffield), was known to be tight with his money; the brake parts are still available - they have not changed since the last Moggy Minor came off the production line.

I purchased some new brake liners, repaired the radiator and a month of TLC on the engine, it was time to try and start Mary. She fired up and sounded a bit tight but after a gentle tick over and the oil round her system she was running for the first time in ten years.

The body and floor is made of Ash, covered in metal, taped around the frame and held together with nails (no welding). I spent the winter re-trimming the seats and headlining in leather, cleaned the carpets and re-varnished the wood inside.

You think a job will take a couple of hours and it takes three days; like greasing the 194 grease points on the car.

Waiting for a dry, cold day as I didn't know if she was going to overheat (no water pump or cooling fan), or even if the engine would seize. With my partner Cheryl, following behind me, with tow rope, fuel (as petrol gauge did not work), a fire extinguisher and a few tools just in case, we were away. I drove Mary around our small village, watching the temperature gauge closely on the front of the bonnet. It has three settings cold, medium, and boiling and although it was rising, it was okay. People looked and the kids waved as we rumbled along - remember the tyres are similar to ones you would see on a bicycle.

A quirk of the Morris Minor is that the accelerator is in the middle (yes, the middle), so you have your brake pedal on the right and clutch pedal on the left. It was before standardization of the pedals and makes it easier to heel and toe to change gear, as there is no synchronization

of first and second gear (just like Lewis Hamilton does in F1; who said this was new!).

I became a member of the Morris Registration Owners Club and after sending a picture, they confirmed Mary is in fact a 1933 model, one of only 2000 ever made. Mary was number three of the production line - this made Mary somewhat rare (only three on the register left now to our knowledge). They asked if I'd like to exhibit her at the Classic and Vintage car show at the NEC Birmingham, representing the Morris Registration Club GB with five other members. A great honour, but with only three months' notice, there was a lot of work to be done to show Mary at her best.

We made it and the picture is of Mary at the show. We spoke to 1000's of people about her journey with lots of interest in purchasing her, I even had an offer of £32,000 from a gentleman from Brazil but have a guess what my answer was! Since that show, I have taken Mary's engine out to do a complete rebuild as I am having new white metal bearings and new cylinder lines etc. New carpets have also added a nice finishing touch for the car shows. The gentleman from Brazil has become a good friend, although he is still waiting to buy Mary!

The story doesn't end there, as we purchased a friend for Mary, details and pictures in the next edition.

Adrian Hemming

Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Belinda by phone on 07881 836294 or email belinda.newton@oddfellows.co.uk

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Past Events



Talk from popular Devon mystery Author, Stephanie Austin.



Enjoyed so much, we're going again!



We were all very proud of the wreaths we made.



Our Coffee Catch Ups are always popular.



John Acres of BBC Radio Devon finding out why our members love being Oddfellows.



Literally being shown the ropes at Bell Ringing!

The Pleasure of Growing Your Own (Part One)

My first introduction to fresh fruit and veg started when, at the tender age of 13, I obtained a Saturday job at a Greengrocers in North London where I lived on the top floor of a block of flats.

I delivered to customers on a bike. My brother Harry had a barrow he loaded up with veg and parked outside of the pub opposite. We were a good team and an asset to the business.

My boss would take me to Covent Garden early in the morning to pick out the best produce to sell.

He would pick up an apple, twist it in two and take a bite. If it was sour he would just throw it to the ground. He would also crack open nuts in his hands and if I spotted a nice looking crate of oranges he would tell me to put my hand right in the middle. If my hand came out green with mould, that was not one for us.



I dreamt about buying my own house with a garden and when I married my wife Margaret in 1967, that dream came true because our first home did indeed have a long, narrow garden I could cultivate.

I will tell you about how I got on with it in the next edition of 'Out & About'.

Peter Clarke

My Graduation

As I have now completed my degree and graduated I wanted to thank you and the Oddfellows for the support. Nanny (Margaret) mentioned that you may want a written update for the newsletter so here goes:

I am delighted to share the news of my graduation from the University of Exeter with a BSc in Economics. This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the generous financial support from the Oddfellows, for which I am immensely grateful. During my time at university, I not only excelled academically in many areas but also actively engaged in various extracurricular activities, enriching my overall experience. As a reservist with the EUOTC (Exeter University's Officers' Training Corps), I had the privilege of participating in remarkable opportunities, including learning to ski in Austria, representing the unit in Rugby 7s at Sandhurst, and receiving world-class leadership training. Additionally, I dedicated my time as a finance manager for a student-run charity, Oyana Soap, which empowers women in the Kwa Murugi slum in Kenya by creating employment opportunities. These experiences have paved the way for my current role as a graduate trainee accountant, where I will work towards completing my ACA certification over the next three years.

My ultimate career goal is to specialise in renewable energy and charitable businesses, contributing to the future



I aspire to see. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Oddfellows, as their support made my journey thus far possible. Without their bursary, I would have had to juggle more part-time work, making many of these achievements significantly more challenging to attain. Thank you, Oddfellows, for being a crucial part of my journey.

Yours Faithfully,

Matthew Waldron

As a Young Oddfellow, Matthew applied for a bursary to help him through his years at Exeter University. 'Young Oddfellows' membership, for ages 0-17 is only £10 and offers a wealth of benefits. Many parents and grandparents set up a Direct Debit as a gift.

Harnessing the warmth of friendship

I hope this message finds you well. Where has 2024 gone?

As we move into a new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on 2024 and prepare ourselves for fresh opportunities and challenges.

The best changes bring happiness to our lives, and better still, the lives of those around us.

Last September, during Friendship Month, we introduced the nation to 'frenergy' – the positive energy exchanged between friends. True friendships are more than just companionship, they thrive on mutual support and uplifting one another – something that, I'm proud to say, is evident throughout our Society. We all have those special people who are there for us in the good times but are equally importantly when life throws us challenges.

Spreading friendship

Let's continue to create that warm, positive feeling everywhere we go this year. Offer encouragement, make a new face at an Oddfellows event feel welcome, or simply make sure to really listen to each other.

A kind word or a helping hand can be transformative for ourselves and those around us, and create ripples of positivity that extend beyond our personal circles.



Frenergy can even be transferred through an unexpected smile or a nod at a stranger in the street. I know it makes my day when it happens and you'd be surprised how often they smile back – confirmation that it has lifted their spirits too.

2025's positive foundations

We welcomed more new members to the Society in 2024 than we have for many years, which is a credit to the atmosphere created within our Branches.

This is a positive foundation to build on, but more can always be done. There will always be people who could benefit from our friendship and support, so let's keep spreading the word.

In this season of reflection and renewal, I hope we all have the drive to pursue our goals while providing and receiving friendship's invigorating energy. One thing is for sure – whether tackling adversity or celebrating success, we are stronger together.

Wishing you and all those close to you a very happy and healthy 2025.

Yours always in friendship,

Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows

Oddfellows Travel 2025

With Oddfellows Travel, not only will you have a wealth of unforgettable experiences, but you'll holiday with confidence and in good company.

All our group holidays are hosted by an Oddfellows member, and we only work with experienced travel partners that we trust.

Whether you want to break up your diary with a short UK getaway, or you have your sights on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise, take a look at our upcoming holidays. We'd love to have you along.

Our holidays are exclusively for our members and accompanying family and friends.

South Devon Delights 31 March to 4 April (4 nights)



Enjoy the resort of Torquay, affectionately known as the 'English Riviera', with its sandy beaches, public gardens, promenades and hustle and bustle of evening entertainment.

Staying at the Metropole Hotel, Torquay. From £295 per person. Half board. Includes coach pick up and drop off from certain locations, or a self-arrival option.

Join us as we head to the south Devon coast on this Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.

Oddfellows Summer Holiday in Somerset 7 to 11 July (4 nights)



Our annual Oddfellows Summer Holiday, hosted by the incoming Grand Master (Chairman), is open to all members and their guests. It's a chance to enjoy some quality time out in wonderful and welcoming company.

We'll be staying at Warner Hotels' Cricket St. Thomas Hotel, Somerset. Half board from £350 per person, based on two people sharing a double or twin room. A limited number of solo occupancy rooms are available at a reduced rate of £450. Come and holiday among friends in this charming retreat.

Whales, Waterfalls and Geysers of Iceland

17 to 29 July (12 nights)



Witness the incredible energy of Iceland's geysers, thundering waterfalls and fascinating wildlife with us, as we set sail on this Oddfellows-escorted group cruise.

From £1,799 per person. Full board.
Departing from Dover on
Fred. Olsen's Borealis.

Take in Iceland's spectacular natural wonders on this thrilling Oddfellows group cruise.

Scarborough

1 to 5 October (4 nights)



You'll be staying in the Cumberland Hotel in the charming seaside town of Scarborough. With its castle, beaches, theatres, parks and cafés, you'll be spoilt for things to do.

From £325 per person. Half board.
Includes coach pick up and drop off from certain locations, or a self-arrival option.

Join us as we head to North Yorkshire on this Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.



A recent Oddfellows Travel 'Mystery Cruise' trip

For Oddfellows Travel questions and bookings, please contact
Emma Gorst **0161 214 4634** or email **travel@oddfellows.co.uk**
More information can be found at **www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel**

Measuring and offsetting our carbon footprint

We're a Carbon Neutral Plus Organisation and have been calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint since 1 April 2020.

Such measurements have resulted in a number of changes to how we operate, with the focus being on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.



Our carbon footprint

Our carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases generated by our actions and measured in units of carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).

Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, 77.78 tonnes of CO₂e was identified as being produced through the operations of the Oddfellows' Manchester and former Liverpool offices, and its associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

The amounts include fuel consumption, company-owned vehicles, staff business travel and homeworking. And, for the first time, emissions as a result of employee commuting have been included in the 2023/2024 assessment.

Reducing and offsetting

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Our focus is to keep learning through our assessments and to make incremental changes to the way we operate so we can bring our greenhouse gas emissions down and play our part in tackling climate change."

To offset our market-based carbon footprint for 2023-24, the Society has funded a range of carbon dioxide-saving initiatives around the world, including in Ghana, Zambia, Thailand, Turkey and India.

Jane added: "We aim to become Net Zero as a Society. This is where we reduce our carbon emissions to the lowest amount possible and offset as a last resort.

"While we are on that journey, our promise is to always offset our carbon footprint."

Find out more at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/climate-change

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Belinda on **07881 836294** or email **belinda.newton@oddfellows.co.uk**

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care for care and welfare information

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