



	<p>offered his thanks to those who are putting events onto the web site, and how encouraging it was for new members to see a lot of activities, and added that if there has been a successful event, then a brief note, preferably with photos could be added to the 'past events' section.</p> <p>Further training for the Web Administrators is planned – Date tbc.</p> <p>Web advertising is starting to bring in an income, but there are still spaces available, and appealed for further advertisers to contact TA</p> <p>5.2 Newsletter</p> <p>TA reported that the matter of the production of future newsletters has not yet been resolved and is an ongoing process, but is currently in discussion with the editor of 'The Best of Northampton' for a possible solution. A follow up meeting is scheduled for the forthcoming week to discuss the possibilities of a self financing magazine funded by advertisers. This would be around £100 per advert per quarter, and about 30 advertisers would be needed to cover the full cost which is estimated to be about £3,000 per issue. Further options could be funding from elsewhere or sponsorship. TA will continue to endeavour to find a solution.</p>	TA																
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report – as at 09.07.2011</b></p> <p>BC reported that up to date statements are now easier to obtain as internet banking has now been set up with HSBC, and access is available at any time for balances, and state of the accounts.</p> <table data-bbox="288 1160 1077 1503"> <tr> <td><b><u>Board Account</u></b></td> <td>£5,394.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding invoices/unpaid cheques</td> <td>- <u>£ 124.52</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available funds</td> <td>£5,270.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>Events Account</u></b></td> <td>£1,245.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding unpaid cheque</td> <td>- <u>£ 30.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£1,245.59 +</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash in Hand</td> <td><u>£ 456.66</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available funds</td> <td>£1,702.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>PW added that out of the reserves held by SF, and money raised at her events, it has now been possible to purchase a further kurling set to accommodate the numbers now engaged in games activities and to enable other areas in the county to replicate. TA thanked SF and all her helpers, on behalf of the board in making this possible through her endeavours and hard work</p>	<b><u>Board Account</u></b>	£5,394.61	Outstanding invoices/unpaid cheques	- <u>£ 124.52</u>	Available funds	£5,270.09	<b><u>Events Account</u></b>	£1,245.59	Outstanding unpaid cheque	- <u>£ 30.00</u>	Balance	£1,245.59 +	Cash in Hand	<u>£ 456.66</u>	Available funds	£1,702.25	BC
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7.	<p><b>Draft Plan</b></p> <p>Following previous planning meetings, which included team training with the board, PT suggested that now a new board was in place, that it may be appropriate to review the previous plan.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that <b>the Velux Centre</b> in Kettering was too far and not cost effective. It was also felt that the previous 'training'</p>	PT																

	<p>was too complex and involved for <b>our</b> small organisation, and could be incorporated in a normal Board meeting at Weston Favell hall. All present were asked to think about some key targets for the Board to focus on by the next meeting. Ideas to sent in advance to PT in order that a discussion list could be prepared in advance, and she agreed to send everyone copies of the previous plan as a basis from which to work, this will be including the Aims and Objectives of the 50+ Network as requested by MJ.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>PT</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Facilitator's Report</b></p> <p>Corby  Events now cancelled due to resignation of co-ordinators, resulting in a total loss of £125 to the Network. PW is continuing to source replacements, and confirmed <b>that a road show would help.</b>  RR reported that a grant application to fund this, had been submitted to the Northamptonshire Community Foundation, but had been rejected, and asked if the Network could afford to fund its own road show. It was suggested that an approach to Corby Borough Council should be made, to (a) suggest partnership working and (b) explore the possibility of a <b>NCC Empowering Councillors &amp; Communities Scheme grant</b>, to assist in an event in Corby, to be held in the autumn (Oct/Nov)  The Website Prize draw £50 was presented to the winner, <b>Sandra McLoughlin</b> who lives in Rothwell, by Chair – John <b>Roberts.</b>  Two prospective Board members, via the Kettering Volunteer Centre have proved to be non viable. The Advertisement on their website has now been removed, to be reviewed at a later date if required.</p> <p>Events:  PW reported that 38 people went on the trip to the National Herb Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> of May, an excellent time <b>had</b> by all. Thanks were expressed to the activity co-ordinators</p> <p>Newsletter  The deadline for submission of articles for the next newsletter is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. All copy to be sent to Stuart Whitsey (<a href="mailto:swhitsey@northamptonshire.gov.uk">swhitsey@northamptonshire.gov.uk</a>) Mail out date – first week in September</p> <p>Co-ordinators  A request was made for clarification (in writing) on expenses for activity co-ordinators, and who was entitled to the allowance. The Board confirmed that all co-ordinators would receive out of pocket expenses and only one area co-ordinator who was willing to join the board, would be entitled to the allowance. If there were a group in a particular area, then they would decide between themselves, who, if any, would fill that role. It was not mandatory for this to happen.</p> <p>Annual Report &amp; Accounts  Now completed and typed up, and to be added to the Annual report 2010-2011</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>PW/PT</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p>

	<p>Facilitator's Role</p> <p>PW announced her intention to reduce her working week from three days per week to one, moving toward eventual full retirement. A replacement position has been advertised internally by NCC under a <b>Secondment position</b> for <b>up to 4 days</b> a week as facilitator to the Northants 50+ <b>Network</b>. She expressed a wish to continue the present arrangements until a replacement has been found</p>	
9.	<p>Moulton Road Show</p> <p>Date: Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> - Venue: Moulton Parish Hall (total time including setting up and closing – 12pm – 5pm)</p> <p>Current volunteer organisers: PW, JR, &amp; PT. An appeal was made to the board for additional volunteers to help out on the day. SF agreed to help and LP and TA would if they were free on the day. Details would be circulated to all</p>	<p><b>PT/PW</b></p> <p><b>PT</b> <b>/PW/JR</b></p>
10.	<p>School of Life</p> <p>NCC have again been awarded the Government Grant for a further two years to run the School of Life project to be delivered in 3 areas of the County – Northampton, Wellingborough and South Northants and will be administered via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northampton Volunteer Centre</li> <li>• Nene Valley Community Action</li> <li>• South Northants Volunteer Bureau</li> </ul> <p>The aim of the project is to promote intergenerational activities and to break the boundaries and barriers between young and old, in line with the Government's policy to build a society for all ages and to challenge the stereotypes that surround older and younger people. It is hoped to increase interest in volunteering in both older and younger age groups. Previous achievements (2009-2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1227 older and younger volunteers took part in projects</li> <li>• 24 Schools &amp; Colleges involved</li> <li>• 24 Third Sector/community groups participated</li> <li>• 626 recipients</li> <li>• 3009 people participated overall</li> <li>• 52 individual projects developed in consultation with local community groups and schools. Themes included: gardening, cookery, singing, poetry, arts and crafts, chess, technology drop-in sessions, knitting, sharing of music. Many of these projects are sustainable.</li> </ul> <p>In principle, the Board are in favour of supporting the project, and will be advised in due course of any proposed participation by the administrators.</p>	<p><b>PT</b></p>
11.	<p>NCC Kettering Conference</p> <p>The County Council have got £44m to use for preventative services, to stop people reaching the stage where they need to go into care or need specialist services. They are proposing to introduce a new scheme where each area will receive funding to provide general information and advice on: Housing relief support, support and access to housing, outpatients, assistive technology, social inclusion, social events and networking, health and wellbeing support, exercise, financial support, debt advice, hospital care, supporting vulnerable people and much more... to support children,</p>	<p><b>JW</b></p>

	<p>young people and families. It was not stated where the expertise for delivery was coming from. It was recommended for the board to view and comment on the 15-page consultation document which could be found on the following website: <a href="http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/prevention">www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/prevention</a> JW went on to mention that some local service could be cut where there were dual providers, and people who have relatives may be called upon to provide help, and helping people to help themselves could also be a future option. Future consultations are planned throughout the County.</p> <p>It was agreed that Sonja Noon could provide a brief presentation at the next board meeting in relation to this as she has been involved in the process.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>SN</b></p>
12.	<p>Countywide Forum</p> <p>PT explained <b>that</b> the Northamptonshire VCS Countywide Forum has been set up as a voluntary and community sector voice. It seeks to represent, the diversity of the voluntary &amp; community sector in Northamptonshire, including a wide range of networks, issues and interest groups, including communities of interest and identity. The Forum also aims to reflect the geography of the area to include both urban and rural areas across the 7 Districts and Boroughs, and includes representatives from large and small organisations, paid staff and volunteers. Representatives, were nominated by their respective organisations (JR had nominated PT for the 50+ Network) although the position on the steering group had to be for district, in this case Daventry. <b>Currently the benefits to the network were unclear and would back after the Forum Steering Group meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.</b></p>	<p><b>PT</b></p>
13.	<p>Regional Round Up</p> <p>Northampton RR reported <b>that</b> Northampton Pensioners Health Forum <b>is</b> on 15<sup>th</sup> September <b>from 11am – 1pm with stalls on both floors including 50+ Network and presentations from NCC &amp; NHS, followed by a Tea Dance 2-4pm in Great Hall.</b> Information <b>to go</b> on 50+ website.</p> <p>Northampton Activities Co-ordinator SF reported on a 10 pin bowling taster session, booked for 12<sup>th</sup> September for a potential of 36 places. Information will be emailed to all and added to the website. A request has been received from Age UK to assist them in finding participants for their ‘Lifetime’ project (dancing lessons) 12.00 – 1.30 for £4 then a break and at 2.00 – 3.30pm a tea dance for £3. Venue TBC. SF reported on a successful visit to BBC Radio Northampton, and has asked for 30 places for a future free tour. TA added that they currently have no disabled access facilities, except to be able to see the studio, but not behind the scenes.</p> <p>Wellingborough JW. Wellingborough Older People’s Forum will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> July, as the Older People’s Health Forum to meet the NHS criteria for support, and will be added to the website</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>

	<p>Daventry PT. Reported on the FREE Daventry 'Open Weekend' Following from last year's successful event, Daventry District Council has teamed up with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to mark 1 year countdown to the Games. A number of sporting, cultural and environmental activities will take place at Daventry Leisure Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Althorp Estate on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, aiming to encourage both young and old to participate in sport and cultural activities. These will include: archery, climbing wheelchair basketball, kayaking and water activities, digital camera workshops, dance workshops. digital and graffiti art, many craft workshops, and much more. At the end of both days there will be free cinema screenings of family feature films. DOF will also be participating at both events, and have managed to obtain a grant to hire the official 2012 Olympics hot air balloon for the event. A flyer for the event will be posted on the Website.</p> <p>South Northants are intending to re-launch the Towcester Over 50's (ToFs) on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Towcester Town Hall. A small group of 3 (including PT) plus support from NHS, NCC, and S. Northants Healthy Walks, are now organising the planning of the event.</p>	
14.	<p>From our Chair – Help for Student Nurse</p> <p>An email was received from Abigail Aitken on behalf of a group of student nurses at the University of Northampton, who are currently researching on life experiences for an elderly person in the community in Northampton. They are interested in learning about the services and facilities older people can benefit from, such as talks, activities, transport services to aid mobility or anything that improves older peoples' quality of life – and groups/organisations which facilitate these things. They are focusing on the diverse area of older people as a whole and would welcome the opportunity to meet a 50+ Network Board member to learn from them. They offered to feed back to the Board later and RR suggested sending a copy of the newsletter, and he will make contact with Abigail with a view to progressing her request.</p>	PW
15.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>TA mentioned the badges for the board and co-ordinators, and distributed a list to the board to confirm preferred names and titles.</p> <p>Northamptonshire LINK is undertaking a project visiting care homes (private and local authority managed) looking at the quality of life for residents. They are offering the opportunity to participate in the 'Enter and View' training and the project, and is available to any member of the public to volunteer. JR has responded expressing his interest, and raised questions on what they plan to do with the findings; E.g. Will the results be published? Will care homes be named? How will the project help people seeking residential care? RR responded that LINK have a remit from the Government to monitor standards in all care homes and this request is part of that task. It will not be for general publication, but they will decide if any action will be needed after the close of the project, and confirmed</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TA/all</p>

	<p>that he has also applied</p> <p>The issue of CRB checks was raised for any of the Board visiting the elderly in care homes, and it was understood that Board members (in that capacity) would be classed as visitors and a CRB would not be required.</p> <p>PT asked if the board were happy with her continued involvement with the Carers Thematic Partnership and to attend meetings on their behalf. The next meeting is at their offices in Wellingborough on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Consent was given.</p> <p>PT reported on a short presentation for carers she had attended, delivered by Shaw Health Care 'My Care – My Home' which was giving potentially impartial information on the range of options available to individuals needing care support, and carers and those they care for. The content was about such issues as choosing the right care home or domiciliary care agency, and how to fund it? Will there be help from the local authority or PCT? Would they need to sell their house to pay for the care? She asked if the Board would be interested in listening to the presentation? This was met with mixed reactions, and felt that perhaps she would not be equipped with up-to-date information, especially as the Government who were currently involved in this issue, and have as yet come to no decision on how to deal with the matter. Further information would be sent out by email to the Board to enable a decision to be made.</p> <p>SF pointed out that the two care homes she used for her games activities had provided the premises free of charge, and requested, as a thank you gesture, that subsidised transport arrangements could be funded from her surplus, to enable participants to go out for a meal in town, or to take the residents from one home to the other for a joint activity. A local taxi firm had quoted £15 return for 8 seater. This was proposed as a one-off event and not to be on a regular basis, but was rejected as we do not cover transport.</p> <p>TA thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed.</p>	PT
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**Date of next meeting:** Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 2pm-4pm  
Weston Favell Parish Hall, NN3 3EP