

WHITTON NETWORK

CHRISTMAS

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the new Chair

I wanted to write a note of welcome to you all, whether you have been a member of the Whitton Network for just a few weeks or for the past decade, whether you use us once a week for a trip to the physiotherapist, or once a year for an annual check-up - I do hope that you have had a positive experience using our service and that you will continue to do so into 2026.



I am Mary Sangtabi and the new chair of Whitton Network. I took over from Hugh Patterson this summer at our AGM. He had been the chairman of Whitton Network for over 10 years so I have big shoes to fill and he will be much missed. I am pleased to say that he will be staying on as a volunteer and is still frequently seen in our offices. Thank you, Hugh for your time as chairman. We wish you all the best!

I hope to meet many of you over the coming months, as I help out at the outings and tea parties, please don't hesitate to come and say hello or pass on any feedback about what we're doing. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to steering Whitton Network into 2026.

Mary Sangtabi – Chair

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of Whitton Network was held on Monday 2nd June 2025. The election of the Committee of Trustees was as follows: Chair Mary Sangtabi; Treasurer, Richard Hurdle; Secretary, Linda McHugh; and the Trustees elected for the year were: Nan McCreadie, Mary Patterson, Rosa Sworn, David Willis and Maggie Windmill.

The Chairman's Report, 2024 Minutes, and Annual Accounts were all approved by those who attended. Mary thanked Hugh for his excellent and long service and welcomed Mary Patterson and Maggie Windmill as new trustees. Richard noted the very generous donations that had been received from Constance Hewson, who left a legacy of £5,468, a personal donation from Mr Welch of £1000 and funding received from Lloyds Bank of £500.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the office will **close at 12 noon on Monday 22nd December and re-open again on Monday 5th January at 9.30am**. If you need any essential help or transport during this period, it may be possible to arrange this, but do contact us as early as possible to let us know on 020 8755 1336 and we'll try to help you if we can. *Please note though that many of our volunteers are away themselves over this period so it may not be possible to provide transport between the 24th December and the 2nd January 2026.*

SOME PHOTOS FROM EVENTS IN 2025



MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT WHITTON LIBRARY – NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE FINAL ONE OF THE YEAR – DECEMBER 22ND

Our last coffee morning of this year will take place on **Monday 22nd December**, so do drop in and see us if you are around to share some Christmas cheer. **Please note the later start time of 11.30am** as we will be providing some festive snacks as well as our usual tea and coffee, and all are welcome. No need to book and it's all free. **It will run between 11.30 and 2pm.** We will be back in our usual time slot on Monday 5th January from 10.30am

AND ANOTHER CHANCE TO MEET WITH FRIENDS.....COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING AT



THE WHITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, TRIMBLE LOUNGE DECEMBER 23RD 10am to 2pm

Visiting Angels are hosting a Christmas Coffee morning on in the Trimble Lounge at the Percy Road community centre, again no need to book and all are welcome, it will give you a chance to see what's available at your local community centre

FINAL CALL FOR COVID – 19 VACCINATIONS

If you haven't had one yet for this winter season, please remember that you are eligible for a free vaccination if you are aged 75 or over (including those who will be 75 by 31 January 2026), or are aged 6 months to 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment. The final date for vaccinations for the winter dose is 31st January. You can book online via <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/> or you can call 119 free of charge to book over the phone if you cannot book online.