



## Introduction

Following dismal winter rain and storms, spring is welcome every year. What an amazing sight it is to see the daffodils, bluebells and cherry blossoms against clear blue skies. The world is bright with colours as spring has sprung. Wish you a very happy springtime.

## Shop Mobility

Sales and Hire in Farnborough have done well over the Christmas and New Year period helping our community.

Sales have been good. The people purchasing them are very grateful due to the high cost of new products and so far feedback has been very positive. Our relationship with the community has increased and goes to show that Limbcare's service is essential. This highlights the work we are doing and the goals we want to achieve.

We are currently reigning in our collection service of second hand goods to a 50 mile radius from Farnborough. This is mainly due to limited storage space and shortage of voluntary drivers. If you need further information, please call us on **01252 540 551**

**Limbcare**  
Be Inspired To Achieve

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service  
The MBE for volunteer groups

**Farnborough Shopmobility**  
Meads Multi-Storey Car Park

Mobility Equipment for Sale or Hire

Limbcare Be Inspired To Achieve

Booking line: **01252 540551**

**FREE PARKING WITH MOBILITY SCOOTER HIRE**

All donations to the Limbcare charity. (Charity Reg. 1136173)

**Opening Times**  
Monday to Saturday: 10am – 2pm  
Outside these hours, by appointment only

**Support line: 0800 052 1174 Mobile: 07739 588031**

[www.limbcare.org](http://www.limbcare.org)

**Welfare Rights Service**

A high quality welfare rights service enables amputees and their families to access their full entitlement, ease the financial burden and enable them to move forward with rehabilitation.

Limbcare and 4Your Benefit Ltd have formed a partnership to provide a free, independent service for amputees and their families.

We can provide the following:

- Identify all the benefits you and your family are entitled to claim.
- Assist with form filling.
- Applying for Mandatory Reconsiderations if you are refused.
- Appealing on your behalf.
- Entering a submission on your behalf to an Appeals Tribunal
- Assisting in dealing with debts, negotiating on your behalf.

4 Your benefits Ltd provides advisers/caseworkers have years of experience in Welfare Rights, we do not just tell you what to claim, but assist and represent. We will be there from the start to the finish.

**4 YOUR BENEFIT Ltd.**

4 Your Benefit Ltd. are the appointed welfare rights ambassador for Limbcare. Telephone: 07401 558 602 Email: [benefits@limbcare.org](mailto:benefits@limbcare.org) [www.4YourBenefit.co.uk](http://www.4YourBenefit.co.uk)

## Welfare Rights Service

This is excellent service provided by Limbcare to amputees and their families. The gains are huge – in the region of each person seen being £5k better off on average. It's also nearly 100 people seen and helped who may have come across the charity for the first time – which is great.

Maggie wrote to say. With the support of our benefits team, she has managed to sort out her benefit payments.

She says 'it's been all because of you. I am so grateful for your help. I have been so anxious, it feels like you saved my life and I really mean that. I can't thank you enough'.

## Well Being Centre

Our Aim is to establish and operate a countrywide facility for amputees and their families to have access to psychological and physical help needed post limb loss. To help us achieve this please see link below:

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- To offer research assistance, where possible, to assist developments relating to prosthetics, orthotics and any other research which will create a better life for all limb impaired people and to establish and promote best practice for this.
- To be a Centre of excellence and support to those who need it most.

## Volunteering with us

We always need volunteers to help with fundraising, events and collections. So if you feel you can spare a few hours a week helping us to help others, please feel free to send us your details by filling in the online application form on our website. We welcome all the help you can give us, we desperately need people with marketing, media and fundraising backgrounds. If you are interested please email us on [info@limbcare.org](mailto:info@limbcare.org)



*'Helping individuals improve their quality of life. Offering empathy, not sympathy'*

*'Creating greater independence and healthier living for all amputees and limb impaired people'*

Become a Volunteer  
Our Volunteers are crucial to our ongoing campaign

## Fundraising

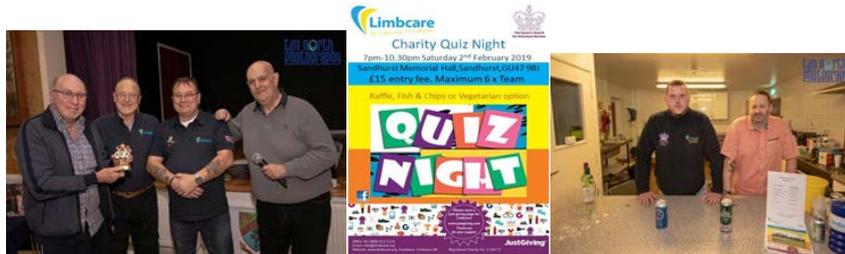
We continue to look for funding to create a 'limb listener' service. The aim is to offer 1-1 home/hospital visits as well as a confidential telephone help line.

As amputees, we know the best medicine is to talk to a fellow amputee. This helps boost morale immensely and gives hope for a brighter future as well as offering the other services Limbcare provides. A friendly voice at the end of the phone goes a long way.

We have seen an increase in requests for this kind of help. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [www.limbcare.org/donate](http://www.limbcare.org/donate) to help us to help you.

## Our Quiz Night in February

We hosted a Quiz Night in Sandhurst was a huge success. Thank you to Terry Peters our Quiz Master, Sandhurst Town Council for donating the Hall and Oysters Fish Bar for supplying the food. I would also like to say a special 'thank you' to our fantastic and dedicated Limbcare volunteer team. We raised a sum of £506.20.



## Upcoming ~Collections and Events

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Sainsbury, Farnborough
- 16<sup>th</sup> Collection at Tesco, Camberley
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Longacres
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Collection at Tesco, Brooklands Weybridge

Our local MP and the Minister for Disability are paying us a visit. We look forward to our meeting to give them an outline of our services and showing them our Shopmobility service in Farnborough. We hope this will raise our profile locally and nationally.

### April

- 27<sup>th</sup> Collection at Asda, Farnborough

### May

- 11<sup>th</sup> Collection at Morrison, Fleet

### June -

- 8<sup>th</sup> Collection at Tesco, Brooklands Weybridge
- 8<sup>th</sup> Iron Man Challenge
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Tesco, Camberley
- 30<sup>th</sup> Wokingham Bikeathon

Get involved, Aldershot – details on Rushmoor Borough Council website



## Message from the Chairman

Thank you for all your continued support, I look forward to working closely with you all this year. In my experience, the greatest highlight of the work I do is to visit and help a fellow amputee and lend support to their families. This is the best part of my job, which really does not feel like work.

Ray Edwards MBE

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If you have any queries, please leave a message on the number below and we will get back to you as soon as possible. To get in touch at anytime, please call 0800 052 1174 or email [info@limbcare.org](mailto:info@limbcare.org).