

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP – HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP & WESTBURY-ON-TRYM

### REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR OLDER PEOPLE

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Cllr Glenise Morgan, Valerie Bishop and I took three Dial-A-Ride buses full of elderly people to Chew Valley. It was a gloriously sunny day, and we had a marvellous time. Unfortunately, a few were unable to attend due to ill health, but in total there were 41 of us. We stopped for coffee (and cake!) at the Chew Valley teashop before having a tour of the area round the lake, stopping twice to enjoy the wildlife and feed the birds with seed.

We then moved on to Woodford Lodge where we enjoyed a two-course lunch before walking outside and sitting in the sun overlooking the lake before returning to the buses and home. We have received several letters and lots of thanks. People came up to me and said “you do not realise how much this means to us, just to get out of our homes and meet people and see the countryside”.

It was a lot of work and several headaches (!) but that makes it all worthwhile. It is hoped to do another trip In November/December but we are at present down in numbers on our committee, due to Sue and Wendy being unwell, but we hope they will soon recover and be back to help. Our thanks extend to Andrew McGrath who has been a great help with printing and publicity of our trips.

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Treasurer