

If you would like to avail of the Care and Repair Service, or if you would like to volunteer with Care and Repair, or if you would simply like to know more about the service, please contact:

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ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are of all ages, both male & female. Some offer specialist skills e.g. electrical or joinery expertise, while others are simply interested in DIY generally. Care Volunteers, are people who volunteer to do home visits with older people. All volunteers are vetted and carry official Care and Repair identification cards. We are particularly interested in attracting retired persons as volunteers.

HOW DO I ARRANGE TO HAVE A JOB DONE OR AVAIL OF A HOME VISIT?

Call 044-9348571 Or 087- 6524528

Westmeath Care and Repair Project (WCRP) is hosted by Westmeath Community Development, which is part funded by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

www.volunteerwestmeath.ie

Westmeath Volunteer Centre is a project within Westmeath Community Development which is also supported by:

- Westmeath County Council
- Westmeath Community & Voluntary Forum.
- Westmeath Older People's forum



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Westmeath Care & Repair Programme

Are you 60+ years of age?

*Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you?
Would you like to have friendly volunteers visit you on a regular basis?
Westmeath Care and Repair uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers to carry out minor repairs and do home visits.*

ABOUT AGE ACTION IRELAND

Age Action Ireland is the national organisation which works to improve the quality of life of all older people and their carers—especially those who are most disadvantaged and vulnerable - by enabling them to live full, independent and satisfying lives for as long as they wish in their own homes.

In partnership with Irish Life, Age Action Ireland is developing Care and Repair Services for older people in Ireland. The Westmeath Care and Repair programme is now active in Westmeath.

WESTMEATH CARE & REPAIR

Westmeath Care and Repair Service is operated through Westmeath Community Development Ltd. (WCD)

The Westmeath Care and Repair Service consist of the following;

1. The Repair Service – available throughout Co. Westmeath.
2. The Home Visit Service- Pilot Scheme being rolled out in Athlone Town in conjunction with Cairdeas (a group of agencies in Westmeath working with Older People).
3. The Trades Referral Service (A register of reliable tradespersons).



ABOUT CARE & REPAIR SERVICE

The service is available to people over 60 years of age.

CARE SERVICE

The Home Visit Service- This is an initial Pilot Scheme being rolled out in Athlone Town in 2013, and if successful it is hoped to extend the service to other areas.

This is being developed in conjunction with CAIRDEAS, a group of agencies in Westmeath working with older people, including, Meals on Wheels, Helplink South, Westmeath County Council, An Garda Síochána, Athlone Community Services Council, Athlone Chamber of Commerce, Irish Wheelchair Association, Athlone Rotary Club and WCD.

Why is this needed? We are all aware of the isolation that some older people suffer from, and that as people get older, their network of friends and activities may diminish and that the opportunities to meet with other people reduces, and this can lead to loneliness and isolation.

What is it? Under this service an older person can avail of a regular weekly home visit from our volunteers. Each person will be assigned 2/3 volunteers who will call weekly and spend time with the older person.

REPAIR SERVICE

- The service is free of charge.
- The maximum allowable time for a care and repair job is 90 minutes.
- All Volunteers are Garda Vetted and have ID cards.
- The Volunteers cannot provide materials for the job; these must be supplied by the client.

The Volunteer is covered under the Care and Repair public liability insurance.

Where the request falls outside of these rules, Care and Repair can give you a list of recommended and trusted trade's persons who would be able to deal with a job larger than the Care and Repair service cover.

The engagement of this service, and any costs involved would then be between you and the trade person, and would not be part of the Care and Repair service.

ABOUT THE JOBS UNDERTAKEN

Jobs can vary from fitting a light bulb to fitting smoke alarms, putting up shelving, moving light pieces of furniture, minor gardening, sweeping up leaves, mowing lawns, fixing a door handle to cleaning out a stove/solid fuel range, installing security locks and chains, home decorating interior painting etc.

ABOUT THE TRADES REFERRAL SERVICE

Our pool of volunteers and handypersons is not intended to replace the need for specialist skilled tradespersons. Often people do not know how to go about getting reliable trades people. If the required job is beyond the scope of Westmeath Care and Repair, we will endeavour to supply the names of trustworthy trades people from a register which we build up over time.



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