

**FUTURE YEARS
THE YORKHIRE AND HUMBER FORUM ON AGEING
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- Funding for all 9 regional forums on ageing ceased at the end of September 2016
- We conducted a survey to ask those on our data base if they wished us to continue as a Forum. There was overwhelming support for us to continue.
- We have continued to hold our quarterly thematic meetings June, September, December (Conference) and March. (Caring for your Health when 24 people attended)
- A successful Conference on Transport was held in December, 47 people attended.
- We have revised and reviewed our membership list so that we are compliant with the Data Protection Regulations.
- Last year I introduced to you our new administrator Julia Edmunds. I am delighted to tell you that Julia is still with us and is proving to be invaluable, albeit on reduced hours compared to her predecessor. Sincere thanks to Julia and the vice chairs of Future Years, John Welham and George Wood who have given unstintingly of their time to ensure the business of our Forum has continued.
- We have discussed at length our future in the light of your wish that we should continue
and recently made a decision to apply for Lottery Funding (Awards for All)
- To inform our plans for the future and our application for Awards for All, Lottery Funding we conducted a further survey asking what older people felt were the issues on which they would like to see us focus. You have told us that the most important issues for older people today are: poverty; pensions; health and social care; ageing communities and age friendly communities. The plan is to hold six workshops in centres of population advised by yourselves.

- Future Years has continued to be represented on the Age Action Alliance, Isolation and Loneliness W/Gp, which our Chair, Shelagh Marshall OBE chairs. Officially an Ambassador for the Campaign to End Loneliness, she has been invited to speak by the Campaign at various events during the last 12 months and is very committed to the Campaign to end Loneliness which was launched in 2011. John Welham represents Future Years on the Warm Homes W/Group and the Money Matters W/Group.

Shelagh Marshall OBE

Chair, Future Years, Y & H Forum on Ageing.

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