

Essex Chelmsford NARPO News

COMMUNICATION - WELFARE - SOCIAL

Dear Members,

Our Branch website is at www.narpo.org/branches/chelmsford

You will find lots of information about the Branch including the latest newsletters and updates as well as details of forthcoming events.

You can also link to the main NARPO site which has a wide range of useful information at www.narpo.org

Select areas of the main website will now require a log in. The password is XPOL1919

Dear Members,

Our Christmas gathering was well attended yesterday, with all enjoying an afternoon of entertainment by our magician Paul Clancy, and a lovely buffet and mulled wine.

Pat Mahoney our social secretary is working hard to arrange events for 2023.

Vacancy – Volunteer Welfare Representative – Chelmsford Branch

After several years in post, our colleague Tim Stokes will be retiring from this role at the end of March 2023, a vacancy will therefore exist for a new person to join our team. The role is rewarding, and the successful applicant will deal with about fifty referrals a year. The workload is around 6 hours a week but this does vary from time to time.

The role delivers welfare options to members, members loved ones and families. On occasions the representative will assist non-members who have nowhere else to go for support.

The main functions of the role are to deliver welfare options by:

1. Direct intervention: This includes welfare visits to ascertain appropriate responses. The work includes assisting members in completion of paperwork, directing to legal advice, negotiating with local authorities, taking the lead on bereavement advice and ensuring appropriate benefits are claimed.

2. Signposting help: The representative may also direct members towards help such as the Benevolent Fund and Flint House.

Other areas of responsibility will include:

3. Being a member of the Branch Committee, updating the Committee on welfare matters and producing a written report for the Branch AGM.

4. Manage and have responsibility for the welfare budget and negotiate with the Committee for funds which fall outside that budget.

5. Liaise with other branches nationally so that members who do not live in Essex receive help.

6. Work closely with the Essex Police Benevolent Fund, Police Care UK and other organisations to source additional funds where necessary.

7. Take the lead with national issues such as widow's/widower's pensions for life, injury on duty pension reviews etc.

Training is available via the courses organised by NARPO head office and there is an annual meeting of Regional Welfare Representatives, usually held at Leatherhead, where issues of mutual interest are discussed.

The role is open to any member, or spouse of a member of the Chelmsford Branch. An honorarium is available and reasonable out of pocket expenses will be paid.

Tim has offered to make himself available to discuss the role with potential applicants and those interested can contact him at: timstokes0890@hotmail.co.uk

Tim will also offer a hand over period to the new representative.

Once you have had a chance to discuss the role with Tim please contact Sue Heaton, the Chelmsford Branch Secretary, to formally register your interest:

EssexChelmsford@narpo.org

Applications will close on 31 January 2023.

FSU 50th Anniversary Event

FSU 50th Anniversary event 2023.

Please find [here](#) the formal invitation to the FSU 50th Anniversary. The organising group are commissioning a 50th anniversary coin that will be gifted to all past and present members of the FSU as well as family members of those that have sadly passed away. Some additional memorabilia is also being sourced that will be circulated prior to the event for people to place orders if desired. We hope you can join us to celebrate this historic milestone that began in 1973.

You will see on the invitation that RSVP is to be made to the fsu50years@gmail.com address.

Please can you only send an **'I/we will be attending'** or **'I will not be attending'** response as it is purely to provide a guide on the numbers attending.

Southend Branch December Trips Newsletter

Please find Southend's Branch December 2022 trips letter [here](#)

That's all for now

Kind Regards
Sue Heaton
Secretary Narpo
Chelmsford Branch