Safe Place Scheme

helps vulnerable people be more independent

The Safe Place Scheme, which has run for the last five years in Bucks, is a partnership between Buckinghamshire County Council, Wycombe, Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils, Thames Valley Police and many local voluntary organisations.

By enlisting the help of local businesses and organisations the scheme provides a safe haven for vulnerable residents when they are out in their communities. The local providers of the scheme give reassurance to vulnerable people and their families and carers so that they have a safe way to alert someone of a potential risk or emergency if they are out alone.

These are some comments from users of the scheme:-

"Makes people feel protected."
"It encourages me to come out on my own."
"Makes me feel like I am part of my town."
"I think the Safe Place Scheme is a great idea because it makes the town more safe
for people…….it just makes sense!"

Many of the existing safe places are restaurants, smaller local shops, banks, building societies, estate agents, chemists or libraries, all familiar places to many vulnerable people. Staff will be shown how to assist someone asking for help and are supported by the Community Safety team.

Safe Places are easily identified by their scheme sticker which is usually placed in a front window or on the entrance door.

You can find a list of the current Safe Places in Chiltern and South Bucks at :-
www.chiltern.gov.uk/safeplace   and
www.southbucks.gov.uk/safeplace or
on the Buckinghamshire County Council website
www.buckscc.gov.uk/safeplace

Contact the Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team on 01494 586535
or email communitysafety@chiltern.gov.uk
if you wish to provide a **Safe Place** for the scheme.

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Chiltern and South Bucks