



WRVS to get Santa's help this Christmas, with the help of ITV1

WRVS Bassetlaw Home from Hospital service was this week filmed by ITV1, as a shining example of the way WRVS helps older people in the community.

WRVS is one of six charities to benefit from 'Text Santa' – a major new charity initiative launched by ITV1 that will raise money for vulnerable people over the Christmas period.

Videlle Hamlet, local service manager for WRVS Home from Hospital in Bassetlaw, said: "WRVS improves the quality of life for thousands of older people across Britain. The services we provide reduce loneliness and increase wellbeing, helping older people stay happy, healthy and independent in their own homes.

"To be involved in Text Santa is terrific news for WRVS, for all those who volunteer and those who benefit from our services. To be selected as one of the charities to benefit shows how valued our work is. With the help of ITV1 WRVS can deliver even more services to the older people who need them."

To highlight the vital work of WRVS in Bassetlaw, ITV1 paid a visit to Mr and Mrs Pywell of Worksop. WRVS volunteer Carole Simon, who visits Mr and Mrs Pywell, said: "Mr and Mrs Pywell look after each other, so when both were taken ill they needed help and advice to get the right levels of support; this is where WRVS helps. I have given the couple a six week support package through our Home from Hospital service, and gave them someone to talk to."

Mr and Mrs Pywell said: "Carole and those at WRVS have really made a big difference to our lives. After we were both taken ill it was hard for us to find out where to access support but WRVS arranged for us to have adaptations to the bungalow and a lifeline alarm system, while making sure we had the right level of support. Carole kept us company and in the know with everything that was going on."

The first show kicks off on 11th December with a live, one-hour special hosted by Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley, with an exciting finale on Christmas Eve. Co-hosted by Ant and Dec, both shows will combine surprises and amazing entertainment that will be uplifting and celebrate the spirit of goodwill at Christmas.

If you would like to volunteer for WRVS and make a vital difference to the lives of older people in your community please call **01909 484437** or email **bassetlaw@WRVS.org.uk**
For more information please contact Videlle Hamlet on 07714 898629