

Carers of Epsom

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CARERS OF EPSOM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

It was just 20 years ago that two local residents, Margaret Leatherby and Pam Walters decided to form a small support group for carers in Epsom, Ewell and Banstead. Today, that organisation has become an incorporated charity with 8 staff, supporting more than 500 registered carers and former carers with the help of funding from Surrey County Council and Surrey Primary Care Trust.

The anniversary was celebrated on 11th Jun with a lunch at Ewell Court House, attended by some 80 carers, staff, volunteers and special guests including Deputy Mayor of Epsom & Ewell Cllr Jean Steer, and Borough Council chief executive David Smith.

Paying tribute to the founders of the charity, trustee board chair Cynthia Gifford said: “if it had not been for the determination of Margaret and Pam twenty years ago, this organisation would not exist today”.

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- **Note to Editors:** Carers of Epsom is a registered charity, providing professional support and back care advice to Carers in our community. Its carer support workers provide assistance, advice, and advocacy with benefit claims. They organize social activities and a take-a-break scheme. They provide information on local services and publish a monthly newsletter which is viewable online at

<http://www.carersofepsom.co.uk/6.html>. The back care advisory service provides free information, advice and training to carers on all aspects of lifting, moving and handling. This service is available to carers in Mole Valley and East Elmbridge as well as Epsom, Ewell and Banstead. Carers of Epsom is funded by Surrey County Council and Surrey Primary Care Trust.

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