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IT'S ONLY A NUMBER

That's what I and countless others have been trying to tell ourselves over the last four or five months when, because of our age, even though we feel quite fit and well, we've been advised to stop doing things. At 73 I don't feel much different from how I felt at 63 or perhaps even 53.



None the less we were told to stay at home and give up some of the things we enjoyed doing – no doubt sound advice for a lot of people – but difficult for some of us. In my case that involved giving up direct involvement with clients at the Corsham Churches Food Bank.

At LINK, the demand for our services took a nosedive as Covid-19 hit, with many regular or routine appointments at surgeries and hospitals being cancelled. Instead of having to find drivers for 20 or 30 trips each week, the number fell to single figures in a month. Many of our drivers are around the same age as me or older and therefore were advised not to volunteer. However, now that things are starting to get back to some semblance of a new normality, we are seeing an increase in clients needing help. With our older volunteers still finding it impossible to return, we really need an influx of younger people who want to make a difference to our three communities.

If you have volunteered during the pandemic for other organisations or local community support groups such as NHS Responders or perhaps shopped for those shielding and have enjoyed the experience and satisfaction it has given you in helping others, why not consider joining us in providing our “good neighbour” service, and help our eternally grateful clients.

Please call the LINK number **07970 617617** and speak to one of our co-ordinators. Thank you.

YOUR LINK NEEDS YOU!

Steve Drew and Susan Hatton