

## *I'm your new Village Agent!*



Hi, my name is Melissa Morgan and I am the Village Agent for the parish of West Dean. I moved to the Forest of Dean in 1986 and have never felt anywhere else is so like home. I am married to a local man whose family all come from the West Dean area and we have three wonderful children. We are proud to call this beautiful part of the country home.

### ***What does a Village Agent do?***

I am employed by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and it is our aim to work with anyone aged over 50 (*and other vulnerable and disadvantaged people*) to live more independently at home and assist with access to Services. The scheme is funded by Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire.

As a Village Agent I can offer help and support with services and information across a variety of topics for free, some of them are listed below, whatever your circumstances, I will do my best to help, all *you* need to do is ask.

### ***Support and Health:***

Walking aids. Chiropody. Podiatry. Victim Support. Breaks for carers. Ethnic support groups. Bereavement. Dementia/Sight problems. Wheelchairs. Forest fitness centre. Form filling. Racism. Taster fitness sessions. Hearing problems. Citizens advice. Warm and well. Mental illness. Falls clinic.

### ***Home and Safety:***

Smoke alarms fitted. Heating. Gas and repair. Insulation. Home security check. Housing. Fire safety check. Warm and well. Meals on Wheels. Carers.

### ***Social and Learning Activities:***

Adult education. Visual arts. Dance. Day centres. Library club. Lunches. Life skills training. Housebound library Services. Coffee mornings. University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age.

### ***Transport:***

Dial-a-ride. Driving safely. Parking concessions. Bus pass. Voluntary car Service.

### ***Financial Assistance:***

Housing benefit. Insurance. Council tax benefit. Coleford credit union. Leisure discounts.

***All Village Agents*** have been CRB (Police) checked so if you would prefer we can visit you in your home.

Contact me

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