

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

UpBeat:

We are a Community Interest Company developed by Bramley Elderly Action to help fund its vital work with local older people.

We currently run a small community shop which offers a wide range of good quality, second hand, donated goods at affordable prices. The shop is part of BEA's ground floor premises (230A Stanningley Road, Bramley), comprising of the shop, the offices, disabled toilets, a kitchen and a drop-in. The shop is currently run by a 'deputy' manager with the help of volunteers.

The post holder will help open a new shop (Bramley Community Shop) in Bramley Shopping Centre. Previously we have run a temporary shop from another unit within the centre. We believe that we can generate a profit and as a consequence we are signing an initial 3 year lease on Unit 23. The Shop Manager will help make the decision as to whether we continue to run a shop from both locations.

'Bramley Community Shop' will be a place where people can gain information from organisations like BEA and the credit union. Funding for the 'information service' will help cover the running costs of the shop and help BEA meet its objectives.

The Shop Manager will not be expected to co-ordinate the information service but will need to liaise with those people using the premises i.e. the information providers and those seeking information.

Bramley Elderly Action:

Bramley Elderly Action (BEA) is a registered charity, supporting older people (60+) living in their own homes in the Bramley, Swinnow and parts of the Stanningley area of Leeds.

The organisation was established in 1994 with continued support from Leeds City Council. BEA has a membership of over 1200 older people, with 142 volunteers and 10 staff. We provide a range of activities and services including a supermarket shopping service, transport for lunch clubs, a drop-in, trips, Tai Chi, gentle exercise, a stroke club, men's group, singing, bingo, intergenerational activities and an information service. We provide transport (mainly minibus transport) for all our activities and for some activities organised by other organisations e.g. lunch clubs.