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“Carers can’t afford to be ill”

Local MP back initiative to highlight the plight of millions of UK carers

Paddy Tipping MP has teamed up with charity ambassador and TV & Film actress, Pam Ferris, to show his support for carers in the Sherwood constituency who are amongst the six million people in the UK who tirelessly devote their time, efforts and energy to looking after a loved one.

Paddy Tipping and Pam, best known for her roles as Ma Larking from the TV series “The Darling Buds of May” and more recently Aunt Marge in the Harry Potter films, are supporting Carers Week and paying tribute to the huge contribution that carers make, every day of the year, to those they look after, and to their communities.

The week – now in its 14th year – tackles the issue of carers’ health with a hard-hitting campaign headlining the sobering fact that; **“Carers can’t afford to be ill”**.

A national survey of 2,000 carers reveals that a large majority feel their health is worse as a result of the strain of caring (for many, up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). The full results of the survey – to be released across the UK at the start of Carers Week (9 June) – also highlights that many carers frequently neglect their health, and often have no-one to talk to about their concerns or daily difficulties.

Supported by MPs, celebrities, local stakeholders and thousands of carers across the UK, Carers Week (9-15 June) aims to publicise that support, advice and practical help is available for those who may be feeling isolated, exhausted or ill as a result of their caring responsibilities.

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