

Andrea Shutt

Dear Members,

This message is sent to Community Alert members in the 'Rural North' policing area of the Cotswold district. For reasons that will be apparent, it is directed to residents who know my colleague PCSO Andrea Shutt. For those that don't know Andrea, please accept my apologies for clogging up your inbox but she was widely known in the area that she served and this is a convenient way to update those that remember Andrea.

For those that are not aware, for many years Andrea was the Community Support Officer for the area in which you live. In 2017 she was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Andrea is now staying in The Hollies nursing home in Dursley where family, friends and colleagues can visit her. Although she is now unable to speak she stays in contact with us via Facebook Messenger using her EyeGaze computer (she composes and sends messages using just her eyes).

I visited Andrea last week. She is comfortable and was in good spirits. She has asked me to pass on a message inviting those that know her to stay in touch with her via Messenger. Her user name is Rea Sh.

This morning she sent me a message which I have copied below. As you can see she is as organised, and bossy, as ever.

"Good morning garrett I hope you had a good weekend I am afraid I have another missive which I hope you will do sorry to add to your busy day the below I would like you to send to the standard put on bulletins put on an alert this is an important message and long overdue

dear friends mnd from the beginning has been a struggle but made so much easier to cope with by having support from family friends and community friends by so many ways visiting me feeding me bathing me letters written on a weekly basis raising money donating money emotional suport and so much more I could not have done it without you All of you I love you for it now my prognosis is 2-3years from 2017 we can all do the maths I may be moving in to the final phase I am so pleased with this machine to keep me in contact with my life I miss my friends so much and my wonderful job you all know who you are please keep the fight against mnd real if you would like to contact me please do life is good live it everyday Andrea shutt (pcco) garrett you may also need to add grammar and does it make sense?"

I hope this does not cause too much upset to anyone but I feel those that know Andrea or who worked with her might be interested to know that you can keep in touch with her. On a practical note, please bear in mind that not being able to use her fingers Andrea is unable to scroll through long messages.

Thank you,
Garrett

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