

"I FEEL THAT I CAN CONTRIBUTE IN HELPING MAKE THANET A GREAT PLACE TO GROW OLDER"



PAM

After being involved in a local senior citizen forum, Pam decided to join the Ageless Thanet governance panel. She had a long-standing career in nursing and wanted to give something back to local older people.

Not only does Pam volunteer as a governance panel member, she also volunteered to sit on the Community Fund panel and finance committee.

WHAT DOES PAM SAY?

"Being part of the governance panel has taught me a lot about finance and the reality of delivering a project like Ageless Thanet. I've learnt bid writing skills and it has given me new challenges and opportunities. I have formed new friendships with different age groups and Ageless Thanet has helped me to get involved in other groups. Not long after joining the governance panel my husband passed away. The staff were incredibly supportive and being part of the panel helped me with the grieving process and gave me a new focus.

I am part of the governance panel, community funding panel and the finance committee. Ageless Thanet has a fantastic team who are always lovely and supportive and make me feel that my opinion is valued and I can help shape services. It allows me to feed into the project and represent local older people. As part of the community fund panel I have learnt about what services are available and the impact of what we have funded. It has made me think about the long-term impact of funding, sustainability and partnership working. I feel we have also made other groups look at services they can deliver for older people."

