

## **A green thumb was Bev's foot in the door to volunteering!**

A knack for growing plants was Beverley's first interaction with MannaCare (then known as Manningham Centre Association).

As a member of the Doncaster Garden club, the group was asked to come and plant "natives and other plants around the centre".

Invited to morning tea after the planting session, a chance conversation with Helen Larkin meant that Bev never left.

The newly opened Cassia Café was in need of volunteers and Helen just happened to ask Bev if she could help out and volunteer at the café. Recently retired from her building supplies business and always wanting to volunteer it was the perfect opportunity for Bev to say yes. Sometimes things are meant to be.

Many year later, Bev is still with us and can be seen on a regular basis volunteering in the Cassia Café with her beaming smile.

Tanya Warms, Volunteers' Coordinator reveals, Bev "Greets people with kindness and courtesy all the time. She always has time for a chat. And is a good listener."

Bev has lived in Lower Templestowe for close to 50 years, loves her three 'grand-dogs' as well as travelling. The last places she visited include: China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Singapore.

When not volunteering she is the main organiser of the Ladies Fellowship at St Timothy's, Church where she is a congregant organising the monthly group catch-up of afternoon tea, guest speaker and terrific conversation.

Bev loves being actively involved in the lives of her three children and all her grandchildren enjoying spending time with them whenever she can.

MannaCare is lucky to have Bev as part of our community.

