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County Durham LINK Meeting/Event

Date: November 2011
Event: Blue Badge Scheme by Durham County Council.
Number/range of attendees:
Purpose of meeting/event:
Record completed by: Pam Spurrell
<p>I was invited by Clare Midgely of Age UK to attend the first presentation of the new Blue Badge Scheme by Durham County Council. As from January the new charge will be £10. All badges will be supplied by a central agency. The cost to Durham will be £4.60 to issue everyone. I asked about what the rest of the new revenue would be spent on and was advised that this would go to ensuring more wardens would be taken on and that more checks would be done to ensure that all badges displayed were genuine one's as there is a very high market for "reselling them!" £5,000 is what they go for in London. More stringent checks would be made on checking out people's disability and whether they really needed a badge. A lot of doctors hand them out too easily it has been discovered. The £10 costs will only come into action when your old badge is due for renewal!</p>
Actions required <p>I have the presentation papers if you want them to send out to our members??</p>