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HANDY VAN SERVICE REACHES 500TH CUSTOMER

Horsham's Handy Van Service reached its 500th customer on Friday 5 November. To mark the occasion, Mrs Gilhooly of Horsham had her work completed free of charge and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The Handy Van Service is a not-for-profit service, carrying out small repairs and minor adaptations for more vulnerable members of the community. This service is not means tested and can be used by older or vulnerable people in the Horsham District regardless of whether they rent or own their homes.

Cathy Holloway, Retirement Housing Manager, from Saxon Weald said: "We are delighted with the success of the Handy Van Service and the positive feedback we receive from the people who use it."

Councillor Mrs Vivien Lyth, Cabinet Member for Community Partnerships and Housing Services said, " We are delighted to have reached this milestone. It hardly seems any time at all since we launched the Service in January this year. It's the sort of scheme where community partnerships can really make a difference."

The Handy Van Service is a strong partnership between Saxon Weald, Horsham District Council and the Horsham District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

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PIC CAP: Mervyn Maskell, Handy Van Operator, presents flowers to Mrs Gilhooly.