



Dear Friend,

We hope you enjoy the new copy of Tightrope that is enclosed. We have responded to comments that have been made about the newsletter and we hope to keep improving it over the next year. Please let us know if there is anything that you would particularly like to see covered and we will do our best to include it. Also, please do let us know what you think of the name. We know that it is growing on a lot of you but we are still in the market for suggestions.

Over 100 of you have now filled in our survey and the answers make very interesting reading. If you haven't filled one in or need a new copy, please let us know and we will send one out to you straight away. It probably takes about ten minutes to fill in but will make a great deal of difference to our understanding of our members and how you have been affected by scleroderma. If you still have yours, can we encourage you to go back to it, fill it in and then send simply to FREEPOST SCLERODERMA.

Also with this copy of Tightrope, we have included a copy of our new **legacy and in memoriam** donations leaflet. Legacies and in memoriam donations are often difficult to talk about but they make an incredible difference to the organisation, in fact, we could not really survive without them. We would only ask that you have a read through the leaflet and consider remembering the Scleroderma Society.

Every year lots of people get involved with the Society. Some organise or take part in fundraisers, some support us through social media, others write to their MP's or local newspaper. There are lots of ways to get involved and make a difference, and that is why we have included our new **Get Involved** leaflet. **Why not make 2013 the year you get involved?**

With very best wishes

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**P.S. Our AGM and Conference is scheduled for World Scleroderma Day, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013. A booking form is attached. Please book early.**

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