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Formed in 1966, the Tunbridge Wells & District Branch covers postcodes TN1 to TN20. The main purpose of the Branch is the provision of welfare services and support and advice to all those affected by MS whether they are members or not. It includes:

- Home or care home visits from the MS Society Branch Welfare Team of three.
- Transport to events that are organised such as monthly socials, outings etc.
- Transport to medical appointments, shopping, visiting relations, respite care trips etc.
- A programme of monthly socials, lunches.
- Six or more outings per year to gardens, theatre, coast etc.
- Benefit advice, counselling, information and general befriending.
- Grants for respite care, home improvements, equipment etc if unavailable elsewhere.
- A Helpline (0845 603 7882) manned by the Welfare Team.
- Members Monthly newsletter to keep member up to date with local events & news.

The branch raises its own funds through varied fundraising activities, donations, bequests etc to provide the services listed above. It does not receive monies from the MS Society Headquarters. Money raised helps to improve the life for those with and affected by MS within the area.

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