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To Members of AUKS Groups & Travel Club

Hello and we hope you are well and safe in these extraordinary times. We are writing to update you on the situation regarding all Age UK Stockport Group activities.

As you will appreciate the government restrictions put in place to manage the Covid-19 pandemic have significantly impacted our activities and we re-purposed them all to respond to the needs at the time. It also involved the ceasing of all groups and events and the closure of our offices.

We continually review the changing situation and all our services and activities. This brings many challenges as the Furlough scheme starts to reduce towards ending in October, and yet many restrictions remain. We must also consider the possibilities of another wave as well as usual winter pressures.

With this level of uncertainty we do not feel it is safe for the organisation to facilitate bringing people together and so we wanted to let you know we do not expect group activities to be reopening in the foreseeable future. Do contact us if you are owed any monies and we will be pleased to assist.

We are still here as an organisation and we are still offering support in many ways, although everything is having to be planned and delivered differently. We know how important social groups are for all of us and whilst we can't put a time on it we will return to looking at them when it becomes possible to review how things might be done safely in the post Covid world. In the meantime, please do check out our website. Stay safe.

Kind regards

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