

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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# 2026

### ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2026 FROM EVERYONE AT AGE UK BURY

"A huge Thank You to all the staff and volunteers for all their work and dedication in 2025. And to everyone who has supported Age UK Bury throughout the year." CEO

### SPECIAL EVENT UPDATE

#### Strictly Best Foot Forward

At the end of November we had a special event, a collaboration between Age UK Bury and Bury Hospice.

It was a fabulous evening featuring a selection of music, dancing, singing and music hits bingo.

All the proceeds from the event were split between our two charities and raised an amazing £1740. Thank you to everyone for their support. Keep on dancing!



### SPECIAL 2026 CALENDAR

#### Bury Hospice & Age UK Bury - Around Bury 2026 Calendar

Get your *Around Bury 2026 Calendar* featuring photos of the local area, special places and landmarks from around Bury!

The 2026 calendar is available to purchase now at the Jubilee Centre for £10.00

Profits from the sales will be split between Bury Hospice and Age UK Bury.

The calendar is A3 in size with high quality images to be enjoyed all year.



### PHONE HELP AND SUPPORT

#### If you are struggling? Support is available today

A selection of phone numbers and organisations to call if you need to speak to someone:

- 0800 678 1602 - Age UK National - from 8am to 7pm, every day
- 0800 470 8090 - The Silver Line UK - 24 hours, every day
- 0800 014 9995 - NHS GM Mental Health Support Line - 24 hours, every day
- 116 123 - free from any phone - Bury Samaritans - 24 hours, every day



### JUBILEE CAFE - WINTER MONTHS

#### Temporary Saturday Closing

Due to the cold winter months visitors to the Café are very much reduced.

Therefore the Café will be closed on Saturdays from the first week in DECEMBER until the last week in March.

Saturday opening will resume on 4th April 2026.



### DUNELM DELIVERING JOY



#### Thank you Dunelm and Dunelm Shoppers

A huge thank you goes out to Dunelm Radcliffe and all of its customers for the amazing response to its Delivering Joy Christmas Tree Wish Tags.

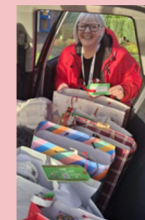
The generosity of its customers has been overwhelming, and the range of things they have given has been simply remarkable.

We are lost for words. The response to the Delivering Joy Campaign has exceeded Age UK Bury's expectations. We have received a staggering 1000 gifts! Every single gift represents care, thought, and a genuine desire to make a difference. They will bring so much comfort, happiness, and joy to the people we support.



### THANK YOU - DELIVERING JOY VOLUNTEERS

Collectively these amazing volunteers consisting of Arnie, David, Denise, Ed, Emily, Jacqui, Jean, Judy, Marian, Nora, and Steve all helped either collect, organise, sort or deliver hundreds of gifts to our clients and older people in Bury.



With all these incredible people we have been able to deliver so much joy this Christmas! It was a genuine team effort! Our thanks goes out to each and everyone of you.



A special thank you to Steph Chesney-Bryce, who has dedicated her time throughout the year working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen and all come together. Steph's commitment and passion have made this project a reality, from organising and planning, to coordinating every smallest detail. An amazing achievement. Well done Steph!





## CARITAS CHRISTMAS MEALS

### 120+ Christmas Meals Made!

Thank you to Caritas for putting together over 120 meals for our clients. Lisa, one of the Caritas Trustees, and the amazing team at Caritas and YCW produced a vast amount of Christmas dinners to go out within the community. These meals brought comfort, warmth, and a sense of belonging to so many people during the festive period!

## EVENT UPDATE

### Jubilee Christmas Show

The annual Christmas show at the Jubilee Centre dazzled with a heart warming blend of music and dance that brought holiday cheer to all.

The energy in the centre was wonderful from beginning to end. We thank: DJ Paulski Events for keeping the energy flowing throughout the afternoon. The amazing Rock of Ages Band along with specially invited, our very own Trustee Duncan, who provided backing drums for the band and The Tenor Ladies for their outstanding lively Christmas performance. Thanks to everyone who attended the show in a wonderful selection of Christmas jumpers and joined us in celebrating the holiday season helping make the afternoon a huge success!



## CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

### Jubilee Choir Supported By Local Children

We send out our sincere gratitude to our wonderful Jubilee Community Choir and choir leader Emma for guiding us in traditional Christmas tunes.



Your voices and enthusiasm created a magical atmosphere and united everyone through music!

Also a huge thank you goes out to the wonderful children from St. John with St. Mark Primary School for joining us and filling the space with joy and festive cheer! Your energy, smiling, and singing made the afternoon truly memorable and embodied the Christmas spirit.

## JUBILEE CHRISTMAS LUNCHESES

### Festive Flavours

This year's special Christmas Lunches delighted diners with festive flavours and a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Thanks go out to all the staff and volunteers for making this year's Christmas Lunches special for everyone.



## BEFRIENDING CALLS

### Christmas Day Chats



On Christmas Day, Jane and Steph from our Befriending department called more than thirty clients, who were on their own, to wish them a pleasant day and to let them know we were thinking of them and sending them Christmas wishes. Everyone was overjoyed with the calls.

### BEFRIENDING SANTA

#### Festive Spirits

Harvey, one of our Keeping in Touch volunteers, filled our café with fun and laughter as he stepped into the role of Santa Claus for our special Christmas Lunches. His cheeky charm and warmth brought lots of enjoyment to our diners. He also stopped by to visit our Tea Dancers and Music in Mind attendees. Thank you Harvey for spreading so much Christmas cheer.



### TIN DONATIONS

#### Christmas Hampers

We want to say a huge thank you to Judy Bamford, one of our incredible volunteers, and Jane Lees our Befriending Coordinator for putting together and arranging some lovely hampers for our clients. A massive thank you to everyone who has donated towards these hampers, we couldn't do this without you!

The generosity and support we have received has been fantastic.



### STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

#### A Little Festive Spice

At the beginning of December some of our staff and volunteers came together to celebrate Christmas early. They enjoyed a lovely meal, lots of laughs, and the chance to spend some quality time together outside of their busy routines. It was an opportunity to relax and reflect on the year. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for making the year special and for all their hard work and dedication. Cheers!



### CHRISTMAS DANCING

#### Jubilee Line Dancers

The line dancers brought a joyful spirit to the holiday season with their upbeat choreography and festive attire. The group's energetic routines blended traditional line dancing styles with cheerful Christmas holiday tunes. A wonderful occasion spreading holiday cheer through the joy of dance.



### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

#### Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

**Bury Chapter of Unanimity Lodge of Freemasons - £100**

Thank you to the Freemasons.

**Strictly Best Foot Forward event - £870**

Thank you to the everyone who attended and supported the event.



### WINTER WARM HUB

Every Sunday from 28<sup>th</sup> December - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 11 am to 2 pm



Volunteers from Friends of Clarence Park host the Warm Hub, which offers a comfortable, warm, and dry place for people to grab a bite and a drink. This year it is at the Jubilee. Every Sunday from now until February, please stop by for a complimentary snack, homemade soup, cake, and hot beverage. It's Free. Everyone is welcome.

### DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Every Monday, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Struggling with a piece of technology? Need help with anything online?

We have 'Digital Buddies' at the Jubilee every Monday to help guide you.

Make a note of your issues or whatever you would like to achieve and bring your device with you to the free workshop sessions.

Learn about technology and navigating the internet and become more tech savvy!



We have 54 members taking part



### THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB

#### DECEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations 1st Prize Winner  
Num 17, Nicola Tomlinson, £67.50

2nd - Num 1, Muriel Mortimer, £40.50

3rd - Num 26, Mavis Brooks, £13.50

This month's draw was by *Lynette*. Thank you !

Try your luck and join in on the monthly fun for just £5 per month.

Simply visit our website or stop by Jubilee reception and grab a registration pack. Complete the simple form, return it to us and get ready for the upcoming draw. Wishing you luck!



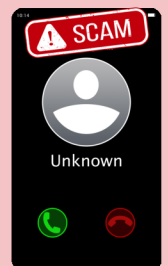
### SCAM ALERT

#### Winter Fuel Calls and Text Messages

Pensioners are being warned to stay alert as winter fuel payments scams have surged by over 150% according to the Government.

These scams – which see fraudsters exploit pensioners by either posing as government officials processing Winter Fuel Payment applications or by sending a link via a text message directing you to a bogus website.

Please stay vigilant. The Government has stated you don't need to do anything or speak to anyone as the payment will be credited to you automatically.



### CAFE VOUCHERS

#### Gift Vouchers Available



Are you considering a gift for someone and don't know what to get? Gift Vouchers are available for purchase from Jubilee Reception in a variety of denominations. £5, £10, £15, and £20.

A great way to give a family member, friend, or loved one a tasty treat!

### WITH THANKS



### DONATION

#### Crown Oil

Crown Oil have once again generously donated £640 for Christmas Hampers to be made up and distributed to those in need of a little cheer for Christmas. Over 30 hampers were put together and delivered during December. Thank you to all those involved at Crown Oil.



### DONATION

#### Winter Packs



Bury Council kindly donated winter packs to help people stay warm during the winter months. The packs contained a fleece neck warmer, a fleece throw, a mini flask and led torch. The packs were very much appreciated. Thank you.

### DONATION

#### Christmas Cards

The local Cubs group from St. John's and St. Marks got together and hand made a pile of Christmas cards which were included with the Dunelm Delivering Joy gifts packs. Thank you kids for your fabulous creativity.



Thank you to Liz and Pam for organising and coordinating this festive artistry.



### DONATION

#### Tasty Festive Treats



Twenty boxes of mince pies were supplied by Wendy Howarth from Tesco's for our Christmas Lunch diners to enjoy. A huge stack of tasty pies that were a hit with everyone. Thank you Wendy for your support and generous donation.

### DONATION

#### Christmas Hampers

A massive thank you to the Manchester Survivors Choir for their generous donation of hampers! The packs were very much appreciated. The hampers were absolutely gorgeous and so beautifully put together.



## SPECIAL 2025 THANK YOU'S

Thanks to everyone below for their support for Age UK Bury in 2025!

Asda  
Bury Athenaeum  
Bury Folk Dancing  
Bury Lodge of Freemasons  
Bury Council  
Bury Council Adult Care  
Bury Council Equipment Stores  
Bury Older Peoples Network  
Bury VCFA

CEF City Electrical Factors  
Caritas  
Connect Comms  
Crown Oil  
Davenport Group  
DJ Paulski Events  
Dunelm Limited  
Friends of Clarence Park  
Greater Manchester Police

Healthwatch Bury  
Local MP's  
National Lottery  
NHS  
Northern Care Alliance  
Olive Bar and Restaurant  
Staying Well Team  
Tesco

Thank you to our Trustees for their invaluable guidance

### VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



#### JOB VANCANY

##### Exciting New Opportunity - Information & Advice Service Officer

We are looking to employ a Service Officer to provide information and advice on a range of topics including welfare benefits, care issues and local services. If you, or you know someone who may be interested to take up such an important and rewarding role then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information. Full details and an information pack can be found on our website at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bury/get-involved/work-for-us/> where you can also download an application form.



#### JOB VACANCY

##### Exciting New Opportunity - Minibus Driver Needed

We are looking for someone to drive our Minibus and help elderly people have a day out. Our scheme runs four days a week from Monday through to Thursday.

Clients are picked up from their homes and taken to and picked up from each local social group event. Morning pick up and drop off from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.

Afternoon collections from 15.30 pm to clients homes.

Group events are held in the following locations:

Monday - Bury; Tuesday - Whitefield; Wednesday - Prestwich; Thursday - Radcliffe.

It could be necessary for you to assist them board the minibus, which has a tail lift.

You will need a D1 Licence and DBS check will be carried out by Age UK Bury.

A salary of £12.21 per hour, for approx. four hours a day.

If you are, or know someone who may be interested in this great opportunity and be part of a local charity to enable the elderly to have a day out,

then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk**.

For further details and an information pack go to our website at:

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where you can also download an application form.



#### JOB VANCANY

##### Exciting New Opportunity - Fundraising & Grants Coordinator

We have an excellent opportunity for someone interested in starting their career in fundraising, charity work, or community engagement.

Working as part of our friendly team, you will help develop and support our fundraising activities and grant applications, ensuring we can continue delivering vital services for people over 50 in the borough of Bury.

If you, or you know someone who may be interested to take up such an important and rewarding role then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information. Full details and an information pack can be found on our website at:

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## VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

Full time & Volunteering



### JOB VACANCY

#### Exciting New Opportunity - Friends Together Co-ordinator

We are seeking an experienced and motivated individual to provide strategic leadership and development of the Friends Together service.

Friends Together is a community-based service supporting individuals to reduce loneliness, build confidence, and strengthen social connections across Bury.

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### VOLUNTEER DIGITAL SKILLS

#### Digital Sales

We are looking for a volunteer to help with the charity's eBay and Vinted online accounts.

If you can spare a few hours per week to pop into each of our charity shops, select items that would be appealing to buyers, photograph them and then advertise on the online stores that would be a great help.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Some experience of online selling would be handy to get up and running.

Please get in touch by calling **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or emailing **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk** for further details and a volunteers pack.



### VOLUNTEER DRIVER

#### Befriending Service - Thursday Afternoons

The Befriending Service is looking for a volunteer driver for a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon to pick up clients and take them to a befriending cluster held at the Bury Blind Society, Tenterden Street, Bury.

Expenses will be paid at 45p a mile.

To find out more please phone **Jane** on **07541 741891** or email **jane@ageukbury.org.uk** for further information.



Volunteer

### VOLUNTEER BINGO & QUIZ HOST

#### Weekly on Wednesday Afternoons

We are looking for a cheerful and enthusiastic volunteer to host a fun-filled Bingo and Quiz afternoon for members of our community at the Jubilee Centre on Wednesday afternoons, from 13.30 pm to 16.00 pm.

You will lead engaging Bingo and Quiz games creating a warm, friendly and fun atmosphere, with a healthy dose of friendly competition.

It's also an opportunity to meet and get to know new people and make friends. If you are interested and can dedicate one afternoon a week,

then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** for more information or email **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk** for a volunteers pack.



Volunteer



### UPCOMING EVENTS

List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.



**STAY TUNED FOR SOME EXCITING EVENTS IN 2026 !**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST DETAILS**

### VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

**Jubilee Fundraising Committee**

Would you be interested in joining our committee and assisting with the planning of our annual fundraising events?

We are seeking proactive committee volunteers to assist with brainstorming ideas for events. You will have a major role in helping the team in organising as well assisting with each event on the day. If you would like to get involved then please call Jubilee on 0161 763 9030 or email [admin@ageukbury.org.uk](mailto:admin@ageukbury.org.uk) expressing your interest.



If you have an upcoming function or special occasion and would like to have it at the Jubilee Centre then call 0161 763 9030 and ask for Ania/Leisa to discuss hiring the room and amenities or email [events@ageukbury.org.uk](mailto:events@ageukbury.org.uk) with your enquiry

### FINALLY... A BIT OF FUN

#### Mince Pies

With pies filled with spice  
and with mincemeat so tasty and nice  
The flavour so sweet  
too many I did eat  
Now my tummy is paying the price.



#### Brain Teaser

Find the mitten that has no pair?



November's teaser answer:  
The next time was 7:05