

## Age UK Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Alexa..... What is new in Cornwall?



**Are you interested in trying something new? Taking a new approach to digital technology and being a pioneer for the use of alternative approaches?**

Age UK Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, with the support of Digital Health Champions from the University of Plymouth, **are excited to announce that we have received funding to purchase 32 Echo Spot devices for individuals across Cornwall.**

### **Why did we choose Echo Spots?**

We know that getting online, in the traditional fashion, is not always for everyone. Whether that person has a physical disability, difficulty mastering the computer skills or an objection to the unfriendly nature of traditional computer monitors, there are many things that can make the thought of getting online very unappealing.



However, we have first hand experience of seeing people thrive, on the independence and choice granted by using online resources.

**From managing banking, shopping and accounts online to, using free methods of communication to connect with friends and loved ones, to ordering books, listening to music and accessing resources to help manage health conditions, the opportunities really are endless.**



**Echo Spots are devices that have the capability to bridge this gap. Helping to bypass the many frustrating factors of getting online and making it easier for people to access a wealth of opportunities.**

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### How can it help me?

The Echo Spot could help you do this with no more than a simple verbal command. They have already proven very useful when trialled in other parts of the UK, some benefits include;

- \* **Playing your favourite songs from eras both past and present**
- \* **Reminding you of key events, medications, etc.**
- \* **Video calls with family in remote parts of the country or even abroad**
- \* **Allowing you to entertain family and loved ones**
- \* **Providing you with healthy eating and lifestyle solutions**

### How do you get involved?

During this initial pilot, we are focused on trialling the technology in Camborne & East Cornwall. **If you are part of a community in these areas and would like to be one of the first in Cornwall to trial an Echo Spot for this project, please contact our Helpline using the details above.**

### Contact Us:

Email -  
**email@ageukcornwall.org.uk**

**or**

Call - **on 01872 266383**

### Getting set up!

Volunteers from Plymouth University will provide help with installation, initial set-up and ongoing support. All that we ask from you is a little feedback, good or bad, throughout the project.

We expect that these devices could have many more uses than those we have listed and would like to help you find the best way to use it for people in your community.

**To make this happen, we will just need to check in with you, every once in a while, to see how you are getting on with the device and ask a few questions about the overall experience.**