

CHATTY NEWS

August and September's Chatty Brews

In August and September, Age UK Isle of Wight continued to create community connections through our Chatty Brew events.

August: Isle of Wight Military Museum

In August, we hosted our Chatty Brew at the Isle of Wight Military Museum, where attendees enjoyed an afternoon surrounded by rich history. This venue was highly requested and while it offered a lot of history, we acknowledge that space was a bit limited for some guests. The feedback received will be considered when planning future events.

September: The Bus and Coach Museum

In September, our Chatty Brew was held at The Bus and Coach Museum, where participants enjoyed an afternoon surrounded by vintage

buses and vehicles. It was another wonderful Chatty Brew of socialising and companionship.

We appreciate everyone who took the time to complete our survey, and for those interested, a summary of the feedback is available on page 5. Your responses are essential in helping us enhance future gatherings.

For pictures of the events, please see page 6.

We look forward to more enjoyable Chatty Brew events and appreciate your ongoing support and participation!



WHERE NEXT?

OCT: BRADING ROMAN VILLA, NOV: BUSY BEE GARDEN CENTRE

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Calling all carers - it's time to take care of you!

Our carers' café offers a relaxed environment and social space to have fun, access wellbeing and peer support and to get advice. Age UK Isle of Wight staff attend every week to provide a social chat or more specific wellbeing support, all tailored to you.

Details:

When: Every Friday, 1pm - 3pm

With the Age UK Isle of Wight team there from 1.30pm - 3pm.

Where: The John Cheverton Centre, Mountbatten, Halberry Lane, Newport, PO30 2ER

Who: All carers are welcome - this is a free to attend drop-in event. No booking or membership required.

If you're nervous about going alone, contact us to speak to one of our navigators who will be attending.

Phone: 525282 | Email: info@ageukiw.org.uk



Next Events

OCTOBER'S CHATTY BREW

In October, we will be visiting a new venue that has been highly requested. Brading Roman Villa's café will be welcoming us for the afternoon. We will also have the Blue Lamp Trust joining us. Refreshments will be available to purchase from the venue.

Brading Roman Villa, Morton Old Road, Brading, PO36 0PH | 14th October 2pm - 4pm



NOVEMBER'S CHATTY BREW

November's Chatty Brew will be hosted at one of our regular locations, Busy Bee Garden Centre. Refreshments will be available to purchase from the venue.

Busy Bee Garden Centre, Brading Road, PO33 1QG | 12th November 2025 1pm - 3pm

For our full list of venues for 2025, please contact us or visit the website.



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Dunelm Corporate Partnership Update We Are Delivering Joy This Christmas Thanks to Local Dunelm Store



In partnership with our corporate ally, Dunelm, we are delighted to share that Age UK Isle of Wight's clients will benefit from this year's Delivering Joy Christmas Tree! We are honoured to deliver gifts to older individuals who will be spending Christmas alone. For many, this could be the only present they receive this year.

The efforts of the Dunelm and Age UK IW staff in organising and nominating our clients has paid off, and now we need your help!

Please visit your local Dunelm in Newport and follow these simple steps to brighten the festive season for an older person who may be feeling isolated or lonely.

We will begin delivering these presents from mid-December.

Fancy getting involved?

1. Head to your local Dunelm Store in Newport
2. Take a tag from our tree and take it home.
3. Purchase the items on the tag and pop it in a gift bag.
4. Bring it into store before the last drop off date located in the right-hand corner of your tag.
5. Dunelm will distribute the gifts to us and we will deliver them to nominated older people.

**Let's make this a project we can all
be proud of!**



**Dunelm, Newport, Isle of Wight
Address: Riverway, Newport, PO30 5UZ**

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Chatty Brew Survey Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey! Your feedback is invaluable, and if you didn't get a chance to share your thoughts but would still like to, we welcome your feedback at anytime.

It was great to learn that many of you enjoy the opportunity to meet new people and socialise. For those living alone, Chatty Brew has become an important touchpoint, providing a chance to connect with each other and make friends. It was lovely to hear how impactful these gatherings are, especially for those who may not often get out.

Our volunteers have also been enjoying the interactions and sharing their experiences. We also received great feedback about venues like the Bus and Coach Museum, which sparked fond memories for some participants.



Improvements and Suggestions

While we heard many positive sentiments, we also asked for constructive suggestions for improvement. What did we learn? You would like to see...

- More one-to-one support for newcomers.
- Better staff introductions.
- Transport solutions! While we currently can't offer transportation services, we appreciate our volunteers' efforts. We'll explore this further to see if it's feasible in the future.
- Better researching and mapping our venues.
- Smaller, round tables over long ones.
- Notable feedback regarding the preference against care home venues.
- Cafés and garden centres! Cafes were mentioned as your favourite venues due to their lively atmosphere, along with garden centres.
- Not too many guest speakers. Feedback indicated that most of you feel guest speakers can feel overly formal and may not suit everyone, particularly for those with hearing challenges.

LATEST NEWS, BREWS & UPDATES

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Photos of August and September's Chatty Brews

August at Isle of Wight Military Museum, Northwood



September at The Bus and Coach Museum, Ryde



If you take photos at our events and would like us to share them, please email them to:

communications@ageukiw.org.uk