

What's Happening - In Brief

A Note from Amanda Allen (CEO of Age UK NorthWorcs) - September 2025

- We start this month's In Brief by expressing our gratitude to **The Eveson Trust** for supporting the charity's recent application for funding for our Information & Advice service - we will be issuing a more formal 'Thank You' upon the receipt of the award!
- This month we have had the start of the 'Autumn' community events, with the Droitwich Community Showcase on 20/09 and the first of the Wyre Forest Over 50's Showcase events in Bewdley on 23/09. It has also seen the launch of **Age UK's Warm Programme** (more details overleaf)
- Operationally, September has seen the issue of an updated Retail Training Manual, whilst preparations are in place to introduce a new training platform for the charity, Moodle, which is being provided by Age UK Learning - more details to follow in the coming weeks!. I have also met with the SMT to review the charity's Business Plan
- Organisationally, as part of the Age UK Network Quality Assurance Framework, every three years we are assessed as part of the Age UK Charity Quality Standard (**CQS**) to ensure we are a legal, safe and effective organisation that provides a positive experience for older people. We have had confirmation that our next assessment will take place on **23rd & 24th February 2026**. As part of the assessment, the Auditor asks to meet with a 'Focus Group' of staff, volunteers and service users to discuss people's experiences of the organisation. If you are interested in being a part of the Focus Group, please get in touch with Kate Ware (kate.ware@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk)
- Just a reminder that on **23rd October** we are holding our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. The AGM is an opportunity to hear about the charity's impact and performance, and to learn about our future plans. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. If you are interested in attending please **contact hadmin@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk**



Annual General Meeting

You are invited!

Age UK North Worcestershire invites you to attend its 2025 Annual General Meeting on:

- **Thursday 23rd October 2025**
- **10.30am at Amplett Hall**
Crown Close, Bromsgrove, B61 8DW

The meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the charity's 2024/25 achievements, to look ahead to the year to come and will include an update on Age UK North Worcestershire's current position (including its finances), plus attendees will have the opportunity to raise questions regarding the charity.

If you are interested in attending our AGM, please contact: hadmin@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk

We hope you can join us! For more information please contact:

01527 570490

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Amplett Hall (Crown Close, B61 8DW) - Please note that Car Parking is limited. Please arrive early as spaces are limited. Refreshments will be available. (St John Street)

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£10k for I&A - Congratulations Helen & Sue!

- A huge 'Congratulations' and 'Thank You' to High Street's **Sue Harrison** and her friend **Helen O'Brien** for their amazing efforts in this month's Worcester City Run! Both beat their 'personal best' times, raising an amazing £550 (plus Gift Aid) for our **£10k for I&A** campaign!!! They celebrated afterwards with their medals and Sunday Lunch!
- On 25th October, **Sarah Farmiloe** (daughter of our Finance Manager, Hilary) will be supporting £10k for I&A when she takes part in the Lisbon Marathon - details of her fundraising page are here www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-whitehouse-lisbonmarathon-ageuk
- At the time of writing our current campaign total is **£3,268** – if anybody has any fundraising suggestions, please get in touch!



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Warm Homes Programme

- We are once again involved with the national Age UK's **Warm Homes programme**, which aims to help older people who are living in, or at risk of, fuel poverty. The programme does this by:
 - Increasing older people's income through **Benefit Entitlement Checks** (BECs)
 - Improving the energy efficiency of older people's homes through small energy and thermal efficiency measures installed in the home as part of the **Home Energy Checks** (HECs)
 - Improving understanding of keeping warm and well in winter and saving energy (through advice given during checks)

We only have a limited number of appointments for the **Free Home Energy Checks** (which are undertaken by one of our Handypersons) so if you know anybody that might benefit, please encourage them to contact us on **01527 570490**



We're helping older people stay warm and well this winter

Our expert handyperson service conducts home energy checks for older people who are finding it difficult to keep their homes warm. The sessions include a home assessment, helpful tips and information, and installation of simple energy efficiency equipment

North Worcestershire **Age UK**
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Contact us to arrange your Free Home Energy Check
www.ageuk.org.uk/northworcs

Retail Opportunity

Looking for an **opportunity** to be part of a great, local team?

We are recruiting for a

Manager (32.5 hours per week)
for our New Road (Rubery) Charity Shop

For more details visit:
www.ageuk.org.uk/northworcs/about-us/work-for-us/



#WantToJoinOurRetailTeam

- Our Retail team is currently recruiting for a **Manager** for our **New Road (Rubery) Charity Shop** (32.5hrs/ £13.82 per hour), Closing date for applications is **30th September 2025** - for more details, [visit our website](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/northworcs/about-us/work-for-us/) or one of our shops for an application pack. Please can you help share with anybody that might be interested

Celebrating Older People

- With **Positive Ageing Week** at the end of the month (along with **International Older People's Day** on 1st October and **Silver Sunday** on 5th October) we are joining forces with our colleagues at Age UK Wyvern, Active Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council to celebrate local older people and to encourage our communities to **Move More**
- Throughout September we have also been offering people attending our Cofton Hackett, Willow Trees, Romsley and Chaddesley Corbett Move More classes their 'First Session Free'



Positive Ageing Week

Proudly supporting older adults through sport and physical activity

29 September - 3 October

Active Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Herefordshire Council, Worcestershire County Council



#MoveMore with Age UK

1st CLASS FREE

COME AND TRY A MOVE MORE CLASS FOR FREE DURING SEPTEMBER 2025

To encourage our communities to 'Move More', throughout September, anybody coming along to one of the following Age UK North Worcestershire Move More classes will get their first session for free! So, if you are over 50, come along and give a class a try!

1.45pm - Cofton Village Hall, Cofton Hackett B45 6PD
11am - Willow Trees Community Centre, Redditch, B98 5JL
12.45pm - Romsley Scout Centre, St Kenelm's Rd, B62 0PG
2.30pm - Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall, DT10 4DA

For more information about the classes and/or Age UK North Worcestershire's services please call www.ageuk.org.uk/northworcs/ or email enquiries@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk

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Upcoming Events

- In addition to the remaining **Wyre Forest District Council's Over 50's Showcase Events on 15/10 (Stourport) & 13/11 (Kidderminster)**, we will also be supporting the **Redditch Forum's Services Day on 9/10** at the Ecumenical Centre

FREE ENTRANCE

Over 50's Showcase Event

Tuesday 23 September 2025
St George's Hall, Bewdley, DY12 2EQ
10.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 15 October 2025
The Civic, Stourport, DY13 8UJ
10.00am-12.00pm

Thursday 13 November 2025
Kidderminster Town Hall, DY10 1DB
10.00am-12.00pm

Free information and advice on healthy living, finances, benefits and local services.

For further information contact
Elaine Halford-Bishop elaine@wyreforestdc.gov.uk
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www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Redditch Forum (anyone over 55)

Services Day
Thursday 9/10/2025 10-12pm
Ecumenical Centre, Redditch Town Centre, Redditch B97 4JH

Want to know what services and help there is for you? Come along to our Services Day and find out!

Age UK, Redditch Library, Citizens Advice, Social Prescribing, Inspire Support Services, Alzheimer's Society, Talking Newspapers, Cinnamon Trust, Wyre Forest District Council, Redditch Forum, Redditch Town Centre, Redditch B97 4JH

Any News? Please contact Jo Hughes on Jo.Hughes@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk / 01527 868855