

# What's Happening – In Brief

## A Note from Amanda Allen (CEO of Age UK North Worcs) – September 2026

- Thank you very much to everyone who has completed our **Staff & Volunteer Survey**. I really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts and feedback - *a wealth of important and valuable information has been gathered!* Whilst individual responses remain confidential, some common themes are starting to emerge (including engagement, collaboration and the development of our people) which are already helping to shape our strategic direction. With this in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to our **Annual General Meeting** on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** (11am at Amphlett Hall). In addition to reflecting on our performance and impact there will also be the opportunity to look ahead to the future. Anyone interested in attending the AGM should contact **HRAdmin@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk**

**Look out for Learning!** – A new, dedicated email account **Learning@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk** has been set up to help improve how we share information about upcoming learning and development opportunities. Please look out for updates and, if you have any learning-related queries, please use this new email to get in touch!

### **Annual General Meeting**



**You are Invited**

Age UK North Worcestershire

invites you to attend its 2026 Annual General Meeting on:

• **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

• **11am at Amphlett Hall**

Crown Close, Bromsgrove, B61 8DW



Please note that Car Parking is limited at Amphlett Hall, however Public Car Parks are available nearby (Astda/ Recreation Road and Watrover/St John Street)

• The meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the charity's 2025/26 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 **hradmin@ageuknorthworcs.org.uk**


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## Celebrating Positive Ageing Week 2026 – Connecting Generations

- We are proud to once again be joining forces with Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire, Age UK Wyvern, Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council to celebrate **Positive Ageing Week** (Friday 25th September - Friday 2nd October)
- Positive ageing is about embracing the opportunities that later life brings, building meaningful connections and continuing to make a difference in our communities. The theme for this year's campaign is **Connecting Generations** - celebrating the experience, knowledge and stories of older people and the ways they can inspire younger generations to stay active, healthy and connected. To support this year's theme and to help celebrate our community, we have been asking members of our Groups and Activities **'What advice would you give to your younger self'**. There has been some fantastic feedback – please look out for our social media post in the coming days as we share some North Worcestershire wisdom and experience! If anybody would like to get involved and share their thoughts, please contact Jo Hughes

**25 September - 2 October**

"All too often, older people can feel overlooked or defined by their age rather than valued for who they are and all they have to give. At Age UK North Worcestershire our focus is upon supporting older people to remain independent, connected and able to live fulfilling lives, which is why we are supporting Positive Ageing Week. We want to help shine a light on the positive contribution that older people make to our communities, and the opportunities that later life can bring, because every older person deserves to feel seen, heard and valued."

Amanda Allen – CEO  
Age UK North Worcestershire



**Positive  
Ageing  
Week**

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through sport and physical activity



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## Warm Homes - Free Home Energy Checks

- The national Age UK team has once again launched its **Warm Homes** programme to help older people to stay warm and well through the cold months
- The programme can help through **Benefit Entitlement Checks** (to help increase income to pay for energy bills) and **Home Energy Checks** (to help make homes more energy efficient so older people can stay warm in the winter. As part of the programme, we have funding for our At Home service to deliver **50 Free Home Energy Checks** across North Worcestershire. During the visit, in addition to discussing home energy needs, our handyperson can also install free energy efficient equipment such as light bulbs and reflective radiator panels. If you know anybody that might benefit from a free Home Energy Check, please get in touch with **Sam Jones** or a member of the At Home team (01527 570490/ enquiries@ageuknorthworcestershire.org.uk)



**Stay ahead of the chill this winter**

Are you and your home ready for the cold weather?  
If you find it difficult to keep your home warm in winter, contact Age UK for a home energy check. We can help by making sure your home is energy efficient.  
One of our experienced handypersons can visit you in your home to provide useful tips on saving energy and install practical equipment in your home.  
For a free\* home energy check, contact:  
t: 01527 570490  
e: enquiries@ageuknorthworcestershire.org.uk  
w: ageuk.org.uk/northworcestershire/

\*This service is free. However, funding is limited to older people who are at risk of cold-related illnesses. Help is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Jo Hughes at Age UK North Worcestershire.

## Get Online Week

- On Tuesday 20th October (in support of **#GetOnlineWeek**) our Amphlett Hall Computer Clubs will be hosting a series of free informal talks at Amphlett Hall B61 8DW)



- 10.30am – How your mobile can keep you safe**
- 12pm – Staying Safe Online**
- 1.30pm – Apps that can help with daily living**

Please can you share with anyone that might find these sessions helpful (or contact Jo Hughes)

- In its **Digital Done Right** report (published earlier this month) the national Age UK team focus upon how older people have varying digital skills; calling for the government to promote inclusion while preserving offline access to essential services. We are also involved with the Worcestershire Digital Inclusion Partnership which will be launching a countywide **Digital Inclusion Survey** in October. Our support for both campaigns will feed into our local work

## Celebrating 10,000 Reviews

- Our eBay team are celebrating their **10,000<sup>th</sup> positive review!**
- Established in 2020 to help raise more income from some of the more unique donations to our charity shops (as well as helping to create an online presence and extend our sales reach beyond North Worcestershire), led by **Online Sales Manager, Simon Buford**, last year the team successfully relocated to the first floor of our High Street (Bromsgrove) shop
- Examples of the items sold in the last few weeks include a Barista Coffee Machine and a pair of Gold Hooped Earrings (which sold for over £100!)
- If you haven't visited follow this link [www.ebay.co.uk/str/ageukbrwf](http://www.ebay.co.uk/str/ageukbrwf) or scan the QR code and please help to spread the word!



## Fundraising - Thank You!

- Thank you for the amazing support for our recent Bucket Collection at Asda! If anybody is interested in getting involved in future fundraising events please contact Sarah Diston or Emma Stenson **Fundraising@ageuknorthworcestershire.org.uk**

