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Banbury Age of Creativity Festival (part of the All-England Age of Creativity Festival for Older People)

We are delighted to announce the Banbury Age of Creativity Festival, celebrating creative older audiences, participants, volunteers and artists across Banbury across the whole of May.

The Festival has been developed by Age UK Oxfordshire's Age Friendly Cultural Network with fantastic support from Cherwell District Council and cultural partners in Banbury. A packed programme of amazing creative and cultural events is taking place across Banbury, supporting the work being done by the Age Friendly Banbury project partnership, which aims to make Banbury an Age Friendly town. The Festival sits under the National Age of Creativity Festival and the theme for 2019 is 'intergenerational', so many events are designed for diverse audiences, as well as more tailored events across the art-forms. We aim to inspire and delight with an eclectic mix of opportunities, as well as provide training to local organisations to enable them to provide age friendly creative activities and develop opportunities for older people to enjoy cultural experiences

The jewel in the crown of the Banbury's participation in the Age of Creativity Festival is a Pop-Up shop which will be located in Castle Quays Shopping Centre 13th -17th May from 9.30am to 3.30pm daily. The shop will be a hub for information sharing, taster dance classes, creative craft, conversation and everyone is welcome to drop in, say hello and get creative.

The full programme for Banbury and the South East can be viewed by visiting www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/

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Notes to Editors

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About Age UK Oxfordshire

Age UK Oxfordshire is an independent local charity dedicated to giving older people in Oxfordshire comfort, support and opportunities and enabling them to love later life. We provide free local information, advice and support. We work with our national partner, Age UK, and our local Age UK partners in England. You can find further information on all our services and volunteering opportunities by telephoning 0345 450 1276 or by visiting our website: www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire.

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