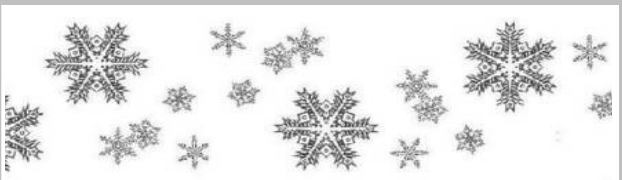


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“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose is to give it away.” ~ David S Viscott



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow..

Age UK Richmond's Christmas season has begun! We have a lot going on, so make sure you check our website for more details.

The **Big Knit** is back this year, and we are looking for keen knitters to help us make 5,000 mini woolly hats by July 2019. There are more details here, including downloadable patterns: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/activities-and-events/the-big-knit-2018/>

Most of our services will run as normal over the Christmas period. Please call with any queries!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Jackie Marie

Volunteer Co-ordinator, Age UK Richmond

Keep your details up to date

This is a good time of year to keep us updated of any change in circumstance:

Received this newsletter by post but now have an email address?

New address / phone number /email address?



Volunteers, you're superstars!

In 2018 you volunteered for 14,998.5 hours,
at the London Living Wage that equates to
£158,234!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

No One Should Have No One To Turn To

Over 2.5 million people in the UK feel they have no one to turn to for help and support.

At Age UK Richmond, we believe no one should have no one to turn to.

Not at Christmas.

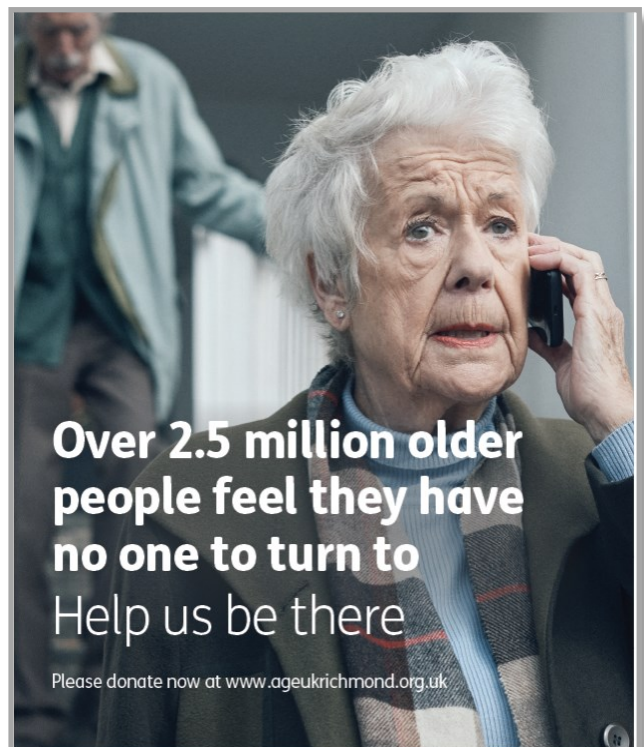
Not ever.

We're here to help older people face the different challenges that growing older brings. We want to make sure that we can continue to be here for those who need us the most, but we can't do any of this without your help.

If you or someone you know would like to donate:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/donate/>

#AgeUKRichmond



Festive Dates for your Diary

- Dec ~ Candlelit Christmas at Ham House & Gardens
14th ~ Christmas choir and carols, Strawberry Hill House
15th ~ Carols by candlelight, Landmark Arts Theatre
16th ~ Princess Alice 5K Santa fun run, Bushy Park
17th ~ Courtyard Carol Singing, Hampton Court Palace
18th ~ Sparkle Contemporary Craft & Gourmet Food Fair, Teddington
19th ~ Twickenham cinema club 'It's a wonderful life', The Exchange in Twickenham
20th ~ OSO Pantomime 2018 'Sleeping Beauty'
21st ~ Moonlight swim, Hampton pool
22nd ~ Santa's Grotto, Squires Garden Centre
23rd ~ Richmond Park Festive Horse Drawn Carriage
24th ~ Christmas at Kew
25th ~ **CHRISTMAS DAY**

For Age UK RuT events:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/activities-and-events/christmas-activities/>

New volunteering role for 2019

Do you have fundraising experience?
Have local connections?
Enjoy organising events?
Would you like to be involved with our new fundraising team in the new year?
For more details:
020 8878 3451 or jackie.marie@ageukrichmond.org.uk



The Big Knit is Back!

Knit tiny hats and help make a big difference to older people. See our website for patterns and to make your pledge. Or contact Sue Hollins on 020 8744 1965 or susan.hollins@ageukrichmond.org.uk



Did you know....

Our Mission is to provide support to help local older people to live healthier, happier and more independent lives



Christmas Day Lunches

Do you know someone who will be alone at Christmas? A warm welcome and Christmas lunch awaits at various local Churches and other organisations across the Borough of Richmond....You may also want to lend a hand, as some may need volunteers. Call the contacts below for more details:

Barnes Community Association, Barnes	Julia Bebington 0208 878 2359
Churches of Teddington, Teddington	office@teddingtonbaptist.org.uk
St Stephen's Church, East Twickenham	Mandy Turner mandyturner@ststephens.org.uk 020 8843 7161
St James Church, Twickenham	stjameschristlunch@gmail.com 07960 406434
St Mary the Virgin Church, Mortlake	Penny Cowell cowellpenny@hotmail.com / 0208 878 2434



Your questions, answered...

Can volunteers accept gifts from clients?... Yes. Our clients often want to thank you for your kindness, but please only accept gifts to the value of £5! If they wish to give more, why not suggest they make a donation to Age UK Richmond in your name.

Volunteer Views "I attended this year's AGM and found it to be well organised and professional, it made me feel proud to volunteer with this organisation." **Finance volunteer 2018**

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