

Thank you sincerely for your interest in joining us as a Friend or Member.

ABOUT US

Age UK Stockport is a local independent charity focused on people in later life, whose MISSION is “working locally for your wellbeing”.

Age UK Stockport is an independent local charity that cares about local people’s life experiences as they get older. Our VISION is for Stockport to be a place where everyone is able to make the most of later life, living as valued members of their communities. .Age UK Stockport exists to represent and support the people of Stockport and all our funding is raised through our own endeavors.

Age UK Stockport is a charitable company. That is it is a registered charity number 1139547 and also a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales Number 7413632. The Registered Office is Commonweal, 56 Wellington Street, Stockport, SK1 3AQ.

It is an independent charity, partnered with the national charity Age UK and a member of the Age England Association; the membership and representative organisation for Age UK charities in England. This means Age UK Stockport is fundamentally an independent local charity focused on the people of Stockport, but that it also benefits, through a brand partnership, from being part of something larger.

Age UK Stockport was previously known as ‘Age Concern Stockport’; changing its working name in 2011 to Age UK Stockport and making this its legal name in 2017.

Age UK Stockport offers a comprehensive Information and Advice Service through an office in Merseway and also a wide range of free and charged for services that are developed in collaboration with local older people. It is also a part of the collaborative preventative services that work across Stockport: The Prevention Service and the Wellbeing and Independence Network of services.

Age UK Stockport also has two associated companies:

Age UK Stockport Trading Limited which sells products of services of particular benefit to people in later life and which gift aids all monies made to the Charity to support its work;

Step Out Stockport which delivers a range of day services to support people which need a bit more practical support to enable them to live independently.

Our key statements and our STRATEGIC AIMS are captured in the following graphic:

MISSION

Our MISSION - Age UK Stockport – working locally for your wellbeing

VISION

Our VISION is for Stockport to be a place where everyone is able to make the most of later life, living as valued members of their communities.

VALUES

Our VALUES are based on being a caring, community focused organisation:

- **Connected** – working together with respect and integrity
- **Confident** – positive, bold and effective
- **Creative** – responsive, innovative and resourceful

STRATEGIC AIMS

Our STRATEGIC AIMS are:

To collaborate - We will work with local people, organisations and communities to understand what they do and how we can work together.

To be active - We will be both proactive and responsive in what we do and how we work. We want to be the organisation older people come to as their first port of call, feel part of and trust to care.

To influence - We will listen and respond to the voices of older people to influence locally and beyond.

To be effective - We will be a credible, high profile, respected charity. We will always work to our vision, mission and in line with our values and challenge ourselves to continually improve through commitment to high quality standards.

GOVERNANCE

Age UK Stockport Memorandum and Articles state the formal objects as follows:

The objects for which the Charity (the "objects") is established and to which it is specifically restricted are to promote the following purposes for the benefit of the public and/or older people in and around the area of benefit:

- 1) preventing or relieving the poverty of older people
- 2) advancing education for older people
- 3) preventing or relieving sickness, disease or suffering in older people (whether emotional, mental or physical)
- 4) promoting equality and diversity in relation to older people
- 5) assisting older people in need by reason of ill-health, disability, financial hardship, social exclusion or other disadvantage and
- 6) to promote such other charitable purposes (which may be for the benefit of persons other than older people) as the trustees may from time to time decide where such purposes are directly or indirectly aligned to or further any one or more of the above

QUALITY

The Age UK Stockport Quality statement sets out clearly the organisations intent to deliver a relevant service with consistent quality throughout each part of the process. We maintain a number of externally assessed quality standards to support this commitment.

Age UK Stockport is committed to providing high quality services in a flexible manner that consistently meets people's individual needs, situation and expectations, achieves the highest level of customer satisfaction and are good value for money.

Age UK Stockport is committed to providing services in a professional and ethical manner in full accordance with our values at all times and in all respects. Our VALUES are based on being a caring, community focused organisation, that is:

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Please see over for Friend and Membership options >>>

FRIEND & MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

There are two options as detailed below.

Please note when you sign below you are confirming your full support for the objectives and statements above. You are also confirming we can hold your contact details in our paper and electronic files as a Friend or Member as you indicate below.

OPTION 1 FRIEND:

- a. Free updates / newsletter mailed to your home
- b. Information about activities and invitation to activities, events and meetings
There is an opportunity but no requirement to attend any meetings with this option.

OPTION 2 MEMBER

- a + b above PLUS
- c. Confirming commitment to the objects, vision, mission and values of Age UK Stockport and receiving papers prior to and voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and any other members meetings
Because voting may be important reasonable attendance is expected in this Option.

Please indicate which OPTION you would prefer on the slip below.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best Wishes



Margaret Brade, Chief Executive

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Name: (please print clearly) _____
Address (inc. postcode) _____ _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
I prefer (tick one only): OPTION 1 FRIEND <input type="checkbox"/> <u>OR</u> OPTION 2 MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/>
Signed _____
Please return to Age UK Stockport Commonweal, 56 Wellington Street, Stockport, SK1 3AQ