



PRESS RELEASE
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AGE UK SURREY PROVIDING SERVICES TO OLDER PEOPLE ACROSS SURREY – OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL

Following the announcement by Age UK Runnymede and Spelthorne of their planned closure at the end of March, Age UK Surrey would like to assure clients and older people across Surrey that Age UK Surrey is open for business as usual. Clients who need support can call Guildford: 01483 503414.

Sue Zirps, Chief Executive said: *'We are very sad that a local partner of Age UK has had to make the decision to close due to the very challenging economic and financial times that the County faces. All Age UK local partners are independent charities that depend on local funds to support their services. It is of particular concern that at a time when our population of people aged 65+ in Surrey is forecast to grow from 18.5% of the population to 25% by 2039 that charities supporting this large group of people are struggling to find funding to continue their services.'*

End of press release.

Media Information:

Age UK Surrey is an independent local charity. We work across Surrey to help improve the lives of older people. Our services are designed to enable older people remain independent and informed, healthy and active and connected to their communities. We help combat loneliness and social isolation.

Numbers of people over 85 continues to grow in Surrey:

- A 25% rise since 2001;
- 32,300 people in this age group (2014).
- Nearly 214,000 people are over 65 (2014).
- Statistics show that people in Surrey generally live longer than the national average.
- In 2012 there were 15,456 people in Surrey living with dementia, predicted to rise to 19,000 by 2020.

Services include: Information and Advice, Advocacy, Counselling, Hometime, Computer Drop-in Centre in Guildford, GO50, Tea and Chat in Tandridge, Foot Care in clinics across the County, Shopmobility in Guildford, Men in Sheds in Ash.

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