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COME AND MEET US ON OUR SOFA AT THE GREAT GET TOGETHER STREET PARTY

Celebrating the Jo Cox Loneliness Campaign, charities and businesses are putting on a fun street party on Saturday 17th June, 10am - 5pm on Chapel Street, Guildford.

There will be activities for all ages such as; scavenger hunt, fete games, face paint, bake off cake contest, food and drink tasting, bbq, arts and craft activities and much more.

We will be there with a cosy sofa, refreshments and cake to ask people about their views on loneliness and bring people together by starting a conversation.

The Great Get Together is a National celebration aimed at bringing communities together. The weekend marks the anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox who inspired us when she said "we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us".

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More information about Age UK Surrey:

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.

Services include: Information and Advice, Counselling, Help at Home, Computer Drop-in Centre in Guildford, Tea and Chat in Tandridge, Foot Care in clinics across the County, Shopmobility in Guildford, Men in Sheds in Ash, Making Connections in Guildford & Waverley, Handyperson Service and Making Connections in Runnymede & Spelthorne, and Café Culture in Cranleigh.

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.

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