

## **Statement: services across Burgess Hill**

Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove (WSBH) is planning to expand services in Burgess Hill over the coming months, with the aim of reaching more older people, working from more venues and offering a wider range of services and activities for over 50s locally.

As part of this plan, from 31<sup>st</sup> July, Age UK WSBH will give up the lease for the Cherry Tree Centre. Most groups and classes held there will be able to continue as normal, however for a short period of time there won't be a café running. The charity continues to offer a range of other support to people including meal deliveries and doorstep visits, telephone befriending and information and advice services.

Age UK WSBH is planning to move into a brand new community centre on Wyvern Way as soon as possible. The new centre, the Kings Weald, is spacious and modern and will offer a range of possibilities for groups, activities and events. Age UK WSBH also wants to work from other community venues such as cafes, pubs and church halls across town, in order to make services accessible to more people.

Helen Rice, Chief Executive at Age UK WSBH said "I'm really excited about our plan for services in Burgess Hill, which will allow us to support more people than ever before. We also want to be guided by older people so we're asking clients about the groups and services they'd like us to run locally in future. We're working hard behind the scenes to get the Kings Weald centre up and running as soon as possible. It will be a really vibrant venue, able to meet the needs of people in Burgess Hill and the surrounding area for many years to come."

Age UK WSBH will keep clients updated on progress with the Kings Weald centre and other community venues. Those who are online can follow the Facebook group – [Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove - Mid Sussex](#) - or check the [website](#) for the latest news.

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