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The newsletter of Age UK Wigan Borough - a local charity for local people

Keeping in Touch

Celebrating Ten Years of Bright Days

We are delighted to be celebrating ten years of our Bright Days programme. The programme started in February 2010 with a bistro café in Elliot Gardens, Worsley Mesnes. Over the years, we have had many different activities, from food to football, dance to dominoes and stitching to singing, as well as lots of laughter, friendship and fun.



We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in 2017



We sponsored walking football teams in 2018



We have walked around the Borough



We have celebrated birthdays and other special events

Prince Charles met the Jammers group in 2019



Our Silver Choir sang in the Co Op Christmas advertisement in 2017



We are delighted that Bright Days has received funding from the Lottery until March 2022

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Farwell to Ambition for Ageing

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our Ambition for Ageing programme at the end of March 2020. This has been running for five years, supporting older people in the wards of Pemberton, Leigh West and Atherton to improve their local areas.



229 local businesses have pledged support to Sit Thi Deawn in the three wards



We have invested nearly £300,000 to support organisations and individuals improve their local area



Members of craft groups got together to share their skills



Celebration events have showcased what the communities have done



People from Japan came to learn about our work



36 Groups were supported to hold community lunches

Congratulations to our Advocacy Team for achieving the Advocacy Quality Performance Mark. This is independently assessed and indicates that the services reaches a nationally-recognised standard.



Meet Margaret



Margaret has volunteered with us for one year. She came to us after retiring from work and explained she was missing meeting people and using the skills she had developed at work.

Margaret now volunteers at our Souper Sandwich group in Shevington and with our Advocacy service, helping people to write letters to utility companies and other organisations.

Margaret says that she loves meeting different people through her voluntary work. Helping others has also filled a gap in her life.

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