

News and Views

Age UK Wiltshire & Age UK Southampton's Newsletter

A Message from Chris Williams, CEO

Hello everyone,

It's been a busy few months since I last wrote to you, and there's plenty happening across Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Southampton that I'm excited to share. We've said a fond goodbye to Sarah Cardy, our previous CEO, at her retirement party - including a Daytime Disco! And we all wish her the best for a happy, relaxed retirement (albeit filled with loads of travel and adventure!).

We've just kicked off a brand-new season of Daytime Discos, with our first events taking place in Melksham and Chippenham.



It's always wonderful to see people coming together for an afternoon of socialising and dancing (I did throw a few moves), and I'm looking forward to seeing this continue across more of our communities in the months ahead.

We're also excited to have secured 15 exclusive charity places in the 2027 Double TCS London Marathon, and we're now on the lookout for passionate runners to take on the challenge for us. If you, or someone you know, fancies lacing up for older people across Wiltshire and Swindon, do take a look at the article below for more details.

Alongside all of this, we have several exciting job opportunities currently open across the charity, as we continue to grow our team and strengthen our support for older people in the community. I'd encourage you to have a look, or share with anyone who might be a great fit.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I look forward to updating you further in the next issue of the newsletter.

Chris

Run for Age UK Wiltshire in the 2027 Double TCS London Marathon!



**Run the London Marathon.
Change older people's lives
in Wiltshire and Swindon.**

**Apply for one of our
exclusive charity places in
the 2027 Double TCS
London Marathon.**

Every mile you run will mean something real to an older person near you. It could be the hot meal delivered alongside a wellbeing check, the weekly phone call that brings a little light to someone's day, or the friendly face at one of our clubs who's no longer facing later life alone. When you run for Age UK Wiltshire, you're running for your neighbours, grandparents, and the older people in your own community who need us most.

We're looking for passionate and committed individuals who are ready to take on one of the world's most iconic races while helping us keep supporting older people to stay safe, make informed choices and be independent yet connected.

Application deadline: Monday 17th August 2026

All applicants will be contacted with the outcome of their application as soon as the selection process is complete.

Good luck!

[Find out more and apply for your place](#)

**Play the Wiltshire Community Lottery and raise
funds for us!**



We're excited to let you know that we are taking part in the Wiltshire Community Lottery!

Wiltshire Community Lottery is a weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Wiltshire. Play the lottery, support Age UK Wiltshire - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

You can find out more and sign up to be one of our supporters by following the link below.

Every ticket bought helps us support older people across Wiltshire!

Visit our page on the Wiltshire Community Lottery website and sign up

Job Opportunities at Age UK Wiltshire

We are excited to announce new opportunities for people to join our team and help older people across Wiltshire, Swindon and Southampton. To find out more about these positions please follow the link below to go to the Work for Us page on our website.

Fundraising & Marketing Manager |
£35,000 (FTE)

Volunteering Coordinator & HR Administrator | £28,000

Events & Volunteer Coordinator |
£26,463 - £28,000

Wellbeing Checks with Meals Driver | £12.85/hr

Community Connectors for North and Central Wiltshire | £27,532 (FTE)

Creative Production Manager |
£32,640 (FTE)



Join our team!

Find out more and apply for a job

Disco dates for the diary!

Our Daytime Discos are back with a bang! We've had two discos so far in our new season, one in Melksham and one in Chippenham - and both went amazingly - with one attendee saying "I've been here ten minutes and it already feels like family"

Bringing people together to dance and socialise is what our discos are all about. We've got loads more planned - so check out the list below which has all our upcoming dates for your diaries! We'll be adding more discos as more are confirmed, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more location announcements!



Upcoming Daytime Discos

Royal Wootton Bassett – Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall, Station Road, SN4 8EN – Friday 28th August 2026, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Salisbury – Salisbury Guildhall, The Market Place, SP1 1JH – Friday 25th September 2026, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tidworth – Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Rd, SP9 7QQ – Friday 9th October 2026, 2:00pm - 4:00pm – Please note, no bar (you can bring your own alcohol, but please drink responsibly!)

Warminster – Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Rd, BA12 8LB – Friday 23rd October 2026, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Devizes – Devizes Corn Exchange, The Market Place, SN10 1HS – Friday 6th November 2026, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Melksham – Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place, SN12 6ES – Friday 20th November 2026, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Malmesbury – Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hayes, SN16 9BZ – Friday 22nd January 2027, 2:00pm - 4:00pm – Please note, no bar (you can bring your own

alcohol, but please drink responsibly!)

Melksham – Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place, SN12 6ES – Friday 5th February 2027, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Amesbury – Wyndham Hall, 50 Church Street, SP4 7EU – Friday 5th March 2027, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Melksham – Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place, SN12 6ES – Friday 19th March 2027, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Upcoming FREE Events for Unpaid Carers!



A Day in Nature

Visit to Hazel Hill Wood for Unpaid Carers

Take a well-deserved break and enjoy a peaceful day outdoors in nature. Join us for a relaxing woodland visit, where you can unwind, meet others, and try something new!

Activities include:

- Wildlife walk
- Pond dipping (with nets!)
- Willow weaving
- Mindfulness session

To book your free place call:
01380 710 300 (option 2)

Wednesday 12th August 2026
10am - 3pm

 **Hazel Hill Wood**
Salisbury, SP5 1AU



Please bring a packed lunch
Drinks and snacks will be provided for you!

Travel options:
Free minibus pick-ups from:
Calne Town Hall, Salisbury Rugby Club, Salisbury Train Station & Brown Street Car Park (West), or make your own way there!



We warmly invite unpaid Carers to an

AFTERNOON CREAM TEA



Take a well-deserved break, enjoy wonderful company, and connect with others who understand.

Tuck into a spread of freshly made sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, mini-cakes, and hot drinks. Just let us know about any allergies when you book.

Wednesday 23rd September 26
1pm until 2.30pm

 **The Bear Hotel**
Devizes, SN10 1HS

Booking is essential.
Please contact us on:
01380 710 300
(Option 2)

FREE

Carers Together Wiltshire has two lovely events coming up, both designed to give unpaid Carers across Wiltshire a well-deserved break.

Hazel Hill Woods Day Out in Nature – Wednesday 12th August, 10am–3pm

Step away from your routine and enjoy a peaceful day out surrounded by nature, with activities including a wildlife walk, pond dipping, willow weaving, and a mindfulness session. Free minibus pick-ups are available from several locations across Wiltshire.

Afternoon Cream Tea – Wednesday 23rd September, 1pm–2.30pm

Join us at The Bear Hotel, Devizes, for a relaxing Afternoon Cream Tea, with freshly-made sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, mini cakes, and hot drinks. It's a lovely chance to connect with other Carers who understand the caring role, and to take a little time for yourself. This event is free for unpaid Carers.

Booking is essential for both events — call 01380 710300 (Option 2) to reserve your place.

[Visit the Carers Together Wiltshire Events page](#)

Supporting our Charity



Leave us a legacy

We want to be there to ensure that people who are lonely or isolated or need us for any reason will always have us to turn to. Gifts in wills are a very effective way to enable us to continue helping older people in the local community.

[Find out more](#)



Support us on EasyFundraising

Sign up to support us on EasyFundraising and raise free donations for us when you shop online with all your favourite retailers! You can raise money for us every time you shop online at no extra cost.

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Fundraise with us

If you are thinking of fundraising for Age UK Wiltshire, whether you are an individual, club, or company we would be delighted to hear from you.

- As an individual you may be interested in organising an event to raise funds, or take part in an organised run, cycle or walk. Your fundraising could be eligible for Gift Aid, please ask us for more details.
- As a club or group, you may decide to adopt Age UK Wiltshire as your supported charity and mobilise your membership to get



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behind us to raise funds through your club activities.

- As a company, your employees may choose to support Age UK Wiltshire as Charity of the Year and organise various fundraising events. They may also support us with volunteering days such as helping at our events or helping our clients.

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We hope you enjoyed our newsletter! If you have any questions or feedback please do let me know by replying to this email. Alternatively, if you would like to stop receiving these emails please use the unsubscribe link below.

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