

# What's Happening - In Brief

## A Note from Amanda Allen (CEO of Age UK BRWF) - August 2024

- The Government's announcement of its plans to restrict the **Winter Fuel Payment** has triggered quite a reaction. The national Age UK team believe as many as 2 million older people will be badly affected by this cut - so far, over 449,000 people have signed their petition calling upon the Government to reconsider its plans. If you know anybody that would like to support the petition then they can do so online via this link <https://bit.ly/3A7g9hV>. Paper copies of the petition are also available at our Windsor Street office and at all of our Shops
- Whilst this announcement will no doubt mean a continued high demand for our support services, it was great to have some good news with the opening of our new **Winyates Charity Shop** (Redditch) this month (see article below) and to welcome Shop Manager, **Victoria Phillimore**, and Assistant Manager, **Tom Deykin** to our team! Thank you to Sue, Angie, Victoria, Tom and the team for all your hard work over these last few weeks to completely transform Unit 11 into our latest shop! If you haven't visited yet, please pop in and let us know what you think!

## Celebrating the opening of our new Winyates Charity Shop!

- Tuesday 27th August saw the official opening of our Winyates Charity Shop!
- The shop's 'Opening Ribbon' was cut by the Chair of the Redditch Forum for Older People, Liz Williams, with the event also being supported by the Leader of Redditch Borough Council, Cllr Joe Baker along with Tesco (Redditch) Community Champions Sam and Kacie (who also provided refreshments!) plus members of the community and the Age UK BRWF team. As part of the celebrations there was also a Raffle, with an amazing Hamper being won by local resident, Nikki



Liz Williams (centre) with Kacie (left) and Amanda (right)



Jonathan Shapiro (Age UK BRWF Chair), Tom, Cllr Joe Baker, Victoria & Derek Williams (Age UK BRWF Trustee)



Tom with Raffle Winner, Nikki



## Charity Tea Dance - Don't Miss Out!

The Chairman of Bromsgrove District Council's  
**Charity Afternoon Tea Dance**

**Thursday 5th September 2024,  
2 - 4pm at the Parkside Suite**  
Parkside, Market St, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA

Enjoy refreshments (Tea, coffee & cake included) & dance along to songs from vintage singer Helen Pearson

**Tickets £5 each**  
available by emailing Sharon Chaplin at [s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)  
Or from Age UK BRWF shops (High Street & Sidemoor)

In aid of the Chairman's Charity: 



for supporting our Charity Tea Dance!



If you would like to help support our event by donating cakes and/or through sponsorship please contact

[s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

or [jo.hughes@ageukbrwf.org.uk](mailto:jo.hughes@ageukbrwf.org.uk)

thank you!

## Move More with Bromsgrove, Redditch & Wyre Forest



### Hear from our Experts!

- Thanks to the amazing support of our Activities members, as part of developing our **Groups & Activities** we have been filming at our exercise classes. There has been some amazing footage and comments which has resulted in an initial two videos, which we will be sharing soon on our website, social media etc., but you can get a preview via these links
  - <https://youtu.be/6opB9HdCLKE>
  - <https://youtu.be/MReMLto6L9A>
- We have also received the fantastic news that we have been successful in our application to Worcestershire County Council for funding as part of its Healthy Worcestershire Programme which will enable us to launch more 'Move More' classes across North Worcestershire!

- A huge 'Thank You' to Better Together and Bluebird Care Bromsgrove & Redditch for co-sponsoring our Vintage Singer, Helen Pearson, for the BDC **Chairman's Charity Afternoon Tea Dance** in aid of Age UK BRWF at the Parkside Suite (B61 8DA) on **Thursday 5th September!!**
- When she originally chose Age UK BRWF as her civic charity, Cllr Ammar spoke about the importance of preventing and tackling loneliness and isolation within our communities. Over the years, Bromsgrove District Council has hosted several Afternoon Tea Dances, providing an opportunity for members of the community to come together to enjoy the music, to dance, to chat and to make new friends
- If you know anybody that might be interested in joining us on the 5th then tickets are £5 (which includes cake and refreshments) and are available from **Age UK BRWF's High Street** and **Providence Road Charity Shops** as well as by emailing Sharon Chaplin [s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:s.chaplin@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk) at Bromsgrove District Council

## AGM - You are invited!

- Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an important part of the Age UK BRWF calendar, to which you are all invited! This year's AGM is being held:
  - **Thursday 26th September**
  - **10.30am**
  - **Amphlett Hall (B61 8DW)**
- The meeting is an opportunity for us to come together to reflect on our achievements and to look ahead to the year to come. The meeting will include an update on Age UK BRWF's current position (including its Finances). plus attendees will have the opportunity to raise questions regarding the charity
- If you are interested in attending please email [hadmin@ageukbrwf.org.uk](mailto:hadmin@ageukbrwf.org.uk) or call the office on **01527 570490**

## Recruiting for our Board of Trustees

- We are looking for committed and enthusiastic volunteer **Trustees** to join our Board (in particular people with charity retail & legal/ property experience)
- If you know anybody that might like to get involved with supporting the continued growth and development of Age UK BRWF, please share this link <https://bit.ly/3yDGzYk> or ask them to call our Windsor Street office on **01527 570490** for a copy of our **Trustee Recruitment Pack**



Are you passionate about improving the lives of local older people? Do you have skills, experience, or a fresh perspective that could help guide our charity's work? If so, Age UK BRWF needs you!



**Join our Board of Trustees**

For an Application Pack call 01527 570490 or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf)

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