

CHATTY NEWS

November's Chatty Brew hosted at The Minster Church

Our latest Chatty Brew took place at The Minster Church in Newport, and once again, we were pleased to see another increase in attendees. Building a strong relationship with our neighbouring location has supported our gatherings in an Island central location, creating a welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

While these events focus on building connections, we also want to highlight the significant donations raised. During the event, we hosted our own raffle and collection box, successfully raising £113, which is earmarked directly for Chatty Brews and the Good Neighbour Scheme. These funds are crucial,

as they help us cover the organisation and behind-the-scenes efforts that make these monthly events possible.

Additionally, we sold Age UK raffle tickets, bringing in an impressive £108. Your generous contributions ensure that we can sustain our charity-wide activities and continue providing our services to those in need.



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CELEBRATING JO PAYNE - OUR KNITTING CHAMPION!



This month, we're putting a spotlight on Jo Payne, our Community Care Lead at Age UK Isle of Wight, who has knitted over 1,000 hats since the launch of the Big Knit in mid-October 2024. Many of you may already know Jo through our Just About You home help service, where she provides invaluable support to our clients and conducts assessments.

This isn't Jo's first time making a significant impact through her knitting. Over the years, Jo has knitted an impressive total of 3,055 hats for Age UK Isle of Wight during previous Big Knit campaigns. Even when there weren't official campaigns, Jo kept her needles busy, contributing an impressive 714 hats before this year's Big Knit launched. This brings her grand total to an astonishing 1,714 hats for the Big Knit 2024 - 2025.

Thanks to our partnership with Innocent Smoothies, we receive 30p for every little hat

we collect. Jo's incredible contributions have directly translated into donations for our charity; little hats can make a big difference. Amazing work, Jo! Your dedication and talent is inspiring.

If you'd like to join in and see a knit pattern, we've included a starter hat on page 3.

DECEMBER'S CHATTY BREW

We will be hosting the event at The Minster again in December, for a Christmas themed afternoon. Our raffle is bigger than ever, thanks to local Newport businesses and some generous donations. There will also be live Christmas music performed by one of Age UK IW's own Trustees. At the St Thomas' Square Minster, you can also look forward to a variety of refreshments.

**The Minster, St Thomas' Square, Newport
PO30 1SL | 10th December 2PM to 4PM**



SAVE THE DATES

10th Dec - The Minster, Newport 2pm - 4pm

13th Dec - Raffle Draw (Age UK National)

14th Jan - The Old Smithy, Godshill 2PM - 4PM

13th Feb - Busy Bees, Ryde 1PM - 3PM

stripe hat

beginner pattern by Juliet Bernard

Yarn: Blue and white DK

Needles: 4mm

Hat

Cast on 31 sts in blue

Knit two rows (garter st)

Change to white and beginning with a knit row continue in st st as follows

2 rows white, 2 rows blue, 2 rows white, 2 rows blue, 2 rows white, 2 rows blue.

Continue in blue

Next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts)

Next row: purl

Next row: k2tog to end (8sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx 10cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

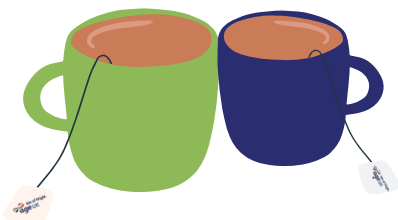
Make a pompom in blue and white and sew securely to top of the hat.



Send your hats to:

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