

## WELCOME PLACES, WHAT ARE THEY?

### Welcome Places can be somewhere....

- Warm to sit, have a hot drink and a snack, and possibly take part in an activity
- Where people can meet other people and reduce the effects of loneliness and social isolation
- Where people can receive information and advice to help reduce poverty e.g. by claiming appropriate benefits
- Where people can connect with other sources of support, and learn about other activities in their area.



Welcome Places can be based in various venues including places of worship, community centres, schools, libraries and even hospitals. Most importantly, they are safe spaces that allow everyone to connect, belong and contribute.

In partnership with the Council's South West Local Area Committee, Age UK Sheffield provides ongoing, on-the-ground, support to new and existing Welcome Place providers in South West Sheffield.

## SUPPORTING WELCOME PLACES IN SOUTH WEST SHEFFIELD

### Age UK Sheffield can support Welcome Places and Welcome place providers in:

- Advertising and promoting Welcome Places via Age UK local and city-wide networks and social media sites.
- Recruiting participants and volunteers.
- Gathering evidence and data collection.
- Completing funding applications and monitoring/reporting forms.

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