



Winter Community Newsletter

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter. We're delighted to share our latest news, opportunities and events.

A message from our new CEO, Grant Read

As I near the end of my second month as CEO, I've had the privilege of seeing the remarkable work being carried out by our staff and volunteers. It has been truly inspiring to witness the impact being made across our communities every day.

With 2025 now underway, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead. Together, we will build on the successes of the past year, continue to grow our services and expand our efforts to change even more lives in the year ahead.



Make 2025 the Year of Giving Back...

We're seeking more compassionate individuals to volunteer and support older people across the county.

As the needs of the ageing population continue to grow, especially in light of the rising cost of living and the predicted increase in dementia diagnoses, our work is more important than ever. Additional volunteers are needed to make a meaningful impact in the community.

Volunteering for us offers you the chance to support older people across the county and make a real impact in their lives. Whether it's an hour a week or more, each contribution can help provide companionship, practical support, and a lifeline to those who need it most.

When you volunteer with us, you're not just giving your time –
you're changing lives for the better...

"I was retired, and it was the right time for me, I was looking for something to do. I like helping and meeting people, especially older people as I know from my experience how much they often need the help and support."

ACH, Volunteer.

"It gives me a sense of purpose and a great feeling that I have achieved something positive and useful."

ACH Volunteer.

"I volunteer for Age Concern Hampshire because it's a charity close to my heart. Helping improve the lives of those in the community is incredibly rewarding, and I'm proud to be a part of it. I am a student between the times I volunteer and it's a nice way in my spare time to give back to the community."

ACH Volunteer.



We're looking for passionate individuals to fill the following roles:

- Social Group Volunteers
(Basingstoke, Totton, Fordingbridge and Southampton)
- Care & Wellbeing Centre Volunteers
- Form-Filling Volunteers
- Information Service Volunteers
- Admin / Receptionist / Fundraising Volunteers

- Trustees & Deputy Chair

Ready to get involved?

Apply online today and be part of something meaningful

[Apply Online](#)

We've rolled out Four New Minibuses...

We're thrilled to unveil four brand-new minibuses, a vital upgrade to our transport fleet. These vehicles are set to enhance our mission of supporting older people who face challenges reaching our Care and Wellbeing Centres on their own or with the help of family and friends.

Designed for accessibility and comfort, the minibuses feature tail lifts for effortless boarding and are staffed by trained passenger assistants to ensure every journey is safe and comfortable. This new fleet represents a critical investment in providing affordable, reliable transport, enabling individuals to access the care and connection they need.

Our Care and Wellbeing Centres offer a range of services tailored to the unique needs of older adults. From personalised care and mobility support to specialist dementia care and engaging activities, our centres aim to promote independence and overall wellbeing. For families and carers, these services provide much-needed respite, offering peace of mind and support.

[Our Care & Wellbeing Centres...](#)



Our Latest News...

Age Concern Hampshire Receives Funding from Abri Homes to Support Older Residents in Gosport and Alton

Age Concern Hampshire is thrilled to announce new funding from Abri, which will enable the enhancement of the charity's Information Services providing financial advice to older people especially those living in support living schemes in Gosport and Alton. This grant will allow Age Concern Hampshire to extend its reach, providing both virtual and in-person support to vulnerable older residents who are facing financial hardships.

[Read the full story...](#)



New Forest Social Groups Coming Soon in Partnership with SNG

Age Concern Hampshire is delighted to announce the expansion of its social groups into the Totton and Fordingbridge areas. In partnership with SNG (Sovereign Network Group), serving as an ambassador and match funder for the Hampshire Active Health Programme, the charity will establish new groups for residents in selected SNG New Forest schemes. This initiative is made possible through funding from Hampshire County Council and support from the physical activity charity, Energise Me.

[Read the full story...](#)

Donations...

Please support us...

Your donation can make a significant difference in the lives of older individuals in our community. By supporting us, you help ensure our essential services continue to thrive. Every contribution counts and makes a lasting impact. Thank you for your generosity!

Make a regular or one off donation

Support us through Give as you Live

Simply sign up for an account and start raising when you shop through Give as you Live Online at any of the 6,000 retail partners. From your handy dashboard, just click on the retailer you want to buy from and you'll be directed to their website where you can continue to shop as normal. Your purchase will automatically generate a donation for Age Concern Hampshire!

[Support us, It's FREE](#)



How does it work?

[View a step-by-step guide](#)

Fundraise for us...

Whether you are planning your own fundraising activity or taking part in an organised event to raise money for our services, we are here to support you. We have tools to help you get the most out of your fundraising.

Challenge Event Participant Feedback...

"Cycling the South Downs Way (100 mile) to raise money for ACH was such a rewarding experience, especially knowing the amazing work they do to help older people in our communities."

We welcome all ideas for fundraising in aid of Age Concern Hampshire – we would love to hear from you about your ideas and happy to offer support to help you make the most of it.

[View Ideas & Fundraising Packs](#)

Work for us...

Are you looking for a job that offers job satisfaction, where you can make a real difference in the lives of older people in your local community? Join our dedicated team of caring, friendly employees and volunteers...

Home Helpers

Basingstoke, Havant & Locks Heath

We are looking for compassionate and empathetic individuals across Hampshire, to support our Help at Home Service. We support older people who would like help doing jobs and daily chores which aim to improve their quality of life and keep them independent at home.

Foot Health Practitioner

Hampshire-wide

We provide the clients and the venue and engage self-employed Foot Health Practitioners (FHPs) to provide a 6-weekly toenail cut and a basic foot health check for each client. If the foot health check identifies further treatment required, the practitioner will recommend medical or podiatry attention as appropriate.



[View all our vacancies](#)

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