

Friends Together

Our Age UK Bury runs four "Friends Together" groups to bring older people together. Our groups are aimed at people, aged 65 and over, who rarely see anyone from week to week or need a little extra support to get out for the day.

This is an opportunity to meet up over lunch, enjoy activities together and have some laughs.

Our groups support:

- residents of Ramsbottom and the north of Bury, who meet on Mondays
- residents of Prestwich, who meet on Tuesdays
- residents of Whitefield, who meet on Wednesdays
- residents of Radcliffe who meet on Thursdays

Our clubs operate between 10 am to 4 pm.

Activities include arts and crafts, dominoes, bingo and board games, parties and where possible, days out to local places.

Our clubs are small and friendly. We limit the numbers of people to 20 people per day.

As part of the service, we provide door to door transport in our minibuses. Our minibuses are specially adapted with a tail-lift to help people in wheelchairs, and those who need the support of a frame or walking sticks, to use the minibus, without climbing any steps.

This service is open to people who live in the borough of Bury, who are over 65 and not in receipt of care services from Bury Council.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The service was closed during the pandemic. The Organiser contacted all members weekly and other staff worked on the Telephone Befriending Service.