

# August Newsletter

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## Agewell Kingfisher Buddies Project

Receiving a diagnosis of dementia can be frightening time for the individual concerned, their carer and family members. Agewell Kingfisher Buddies Project provides information, guidance, help and support, as well as weekly groups where people can get together and have some fun.

Community pathfinders, Debra Pierson, Sandra Graham and Claire Williams currently run three popular Kingfisher Buddies Groups in Blackheath, Wednesbury and Oldbury, providing a lifeline for local people in the early stages of dementia, their carers and family members, in fact the Blackheath group prove so popular that it had to relocate to a larger venue.

Deb, Sandra and Claire also do home visits for people with a new diagnosis of dementia or any other memory loss. They make up to six visits and get involved with their family, offering advice about benefits and planning ahead, as well as signposting them to the groups to help avoid isolation.

Our Kingfisher Buddies groups are open to anyone with a diagnosis of dementia and their carers. Come along and enjoy a range of activities, a cuppa and a chat at any of the following:

- **Mondays 2pm –4pm Elizabeth Prout Gardens, Blackheath**
- **Tuesday 10:30am to 12:30pm The Old Post Office, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury**
- **Wednesday 2pm - 4pm The Activity Room at Portway Lifestyle Centre, Oldbury**

There is a small charge to attend each week



## **Brushstrokes Community Project are moving**

**Brushstrokes** have been in there current premises for more that 18 years and have finally outgrown it.

From: **Monday 2nd September**

**New Premises: 253 High Street, Smethwick, B66 3NJ**

**Buses from Brushstrokes from: Birmingham City Centre -**

**80,80a,87**

**Dudley - 87**

**Oldbury - 87**

**West Bromwich - 80,80a**

**Opposite the Red Cow public house**

**Telephone number remains the same: 0121 565 2234**

**Email: [info@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk](mailto:info@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk)**



HAVE

YOUR

SAY

We want to hear your views on local health and care services

Health Care

Social Care

Local Services

### The Better Care Fund

#### Community Consultation

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme delivering Health and Social Care Integration.

In Sandwell we are developing services that will support the future growth and development of our communities whilst promoting individual independence health and wellbeing.

Your Views are very important to us and we need your help to develop a future model of community support for Sandwell.

To help us develop the services you would like to see in Sandwell, we invite you to share your views with us by completing a short questionnaire:

<http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/consultation>



### SEPTEMBER GENERAL

#### MEETING

Date: **Tuesday 24th September 2019**

Time: **10:30am - 12:30pm**

Speaker: **Claire Williams –Agewell Kingfisher Buddies**

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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