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# ROSE HILL METHODIST CHURCH



Rose Hill Methodist Church in Oxford received £1,317 from Well Together to contribute towards costs for running a Monday afternoon free community drop-in, with drinks, snacks, games and activities.

Rose Hill Methodist Church run their friendly and free community drop-in every Monday afternoon in the church hall. It is run by a staff member along with volunteers.

Each week around 20-30 people come along to chat to others, meet friends, play games and puzzles. They also take part in workshops such as craft activities and singing that are organised by a local partner group Abingdon and Witney College. A volunteer runs monthly quizzes.

“I live alone. I love it here.  
If I didn't have the drop-in to  
come to, I would be very  
lonely.”



## AGE UK VISITS

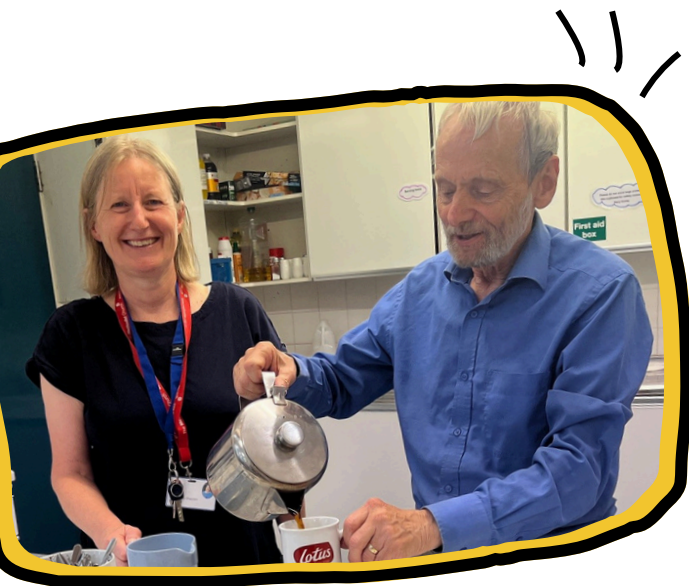
Age UK Oxfordshire visit monthly with information and advice, and as the group is familiar with them, they have a friendly relationship with all those who attend, which means individuals have their needs met with personalised help and support.





## FRIENDS, A CUPPA AND ACTIVITIES

Groups such as Rose Hill Methodist Church's community drop-in provide an important social lifeline for many people, especially those who live alone or who are isolated. Many people who attend have made good friends by coming weekly - including two elderly women who met at the group last year, and who are now firm friends. Each week they come and play Scrabble, Rummikub or other games together - and since meeting, they also keep in contact and meet up outside of the Monday group.



Some men are in a male choir that is run by one of the volunteers there. They enjoy coming each week and meeting up with the others. Another man says that he was in hospital, then moved into sheltered accommodation, and is lonely - he says this group is the highlight of his week. He enjoys playing games, including Dobble. There is a real sense of community here, and the volunteers make sure that everyone feels comfortable and welcome.



**“I haven’t crocheted since my grandma taught me 60 years ago, it’s lovely to try it again.”**

**“This is a great collaboration between large organisations and a local group who have a very deep reach into the local community and its residents. These types of groups are needed in every community.”**