

the campaign for small acts of neighbourliness

AGE FRIENDLY STREETS

Say Hello & Chat

Small acts are the start - when taking in parcels, putting bins out, whenever; don't be shy as most people want to be friendly.

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Why we need Age Friendly Streets

Neighbours can be right next door, but if we don't know them it can make us feel isolated.

This can be a particular problem for older people. About 1 in 6 residents in your street is over 65, and this number is growing.

Whatever our age, we all have something to offer, and we can become vulnerable at any time.

With our lives being more mobile, streets more mixed, and families living further apart, neighbourly connections are now more important than they've ever been.



Let's reinvent neighbourliness

Be the street you want to live in, and build a new mood in your street between generations, so no one feels isolated.

From just saying hello to holding a street meet, small neighbourly acts make a difference.

The campaign is run by **STREETS ALIVE** the national neighbours and street party charity. Since 2001 we have made it easier to hold street parties across the UK, and seen the amazing things residents can do.

Ask for help: hello@streetsalive.org.uk 0117 922 5708

agefriendlystreets.org

Streets Alive

★ STREET MEETS

Organising a street meet is one of the best and fun ways to get to know your neighbours, and it doesn't need to be a big thing. Start with the neighbours you know and plan it together. You'll be surprised how interested they are.

What to do

- ☕ Tea/coffee/drinks in someone's house, garden or a local venue
- ☕ Neighbours' picnic in a local park or green space
- ☕ BBQ on garden or parking area - streetparty.org.uk/streetmeet
- ☕ Hold a street quiz (on p7) or raffle
- ☕ Full street party with road closure – see our streetparty.org.uk
- ☕ Street play for kids involving all ages - streetsalive.org.uk/play or playingout.net
- ☕ SwapShop events - streetparty.org.uk/sharing
- ☕ Community activity in your area – clean up, local campaign etc.

Tell us your stories!
If you have a street meet tell us and inspire others:



When to do it

- ☕ When new residents move in
- ☕ Someone's big birthday
- ☕ Halloween: turn it into HelloWeen - streetparty.org.uk/HelloWeen
- ☕ Bonfire night in a garden
- ☕ Christmas & New Year - streetparty.org.uk/christmas
- ☕ Easter drinks or egg hunt
- ☕ Other cultural & religious dates

Keep in touch

- ☕ Knock on doors and just ask
- ☕ Email list, street blog, Facebook page or website
- ☕ Cards or leaflets to stick on fridges
- ☕ Street photo calendar
- ☕ Keep saying hello!



★ NEIGHBOURLY ACTS

Basics start with hello

- ☕ Taking in someone's post
- ☕ Chatting whenever
- ☕ Putting bins out and in
- ☕ House watching when away
- ☕ Pet care



Help – Share – Swap

- ☕ Internet help
- ☕ Sharing tools
- ☕ Gardening
- ☕ Small repairs and DIY
- ☕ Local lifts for health or food
- ☕ Music, DVD and book swaps
- ☕ Neighbour car shares
streetsalive.org.uk/carsharing
- ☕ Cleaning
- ☕ Health or carer support



More Ideas & Resources...

On our other site:
www.streetparty.org.uk



Social stuff

- ☕ Cooking, food and recipes, or a neighbour bake-off or *Come Dine With Me?*
- ☕ Crafts clubs, knit a lamppost
- ☕ Reading and book clubs
- ☕ Compile a history of the street or its families
- ☕ Child sitting
- ☕ Trips out
- ☕ Kids' play (see streetsalive.org.uk/play in homes, parks etc. or playingout.net in streets)
- ☕ Games nights, cards or otherwise
- ☕ Local walks and get fit clubs
- ☕ Seasonal raffle or fundraiser



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★ STREET QUIZ



Get to know your neighbours and your street with a street quiz - prizes optional!
Print this or use it as a template to make your own...

When was our street/block built?

A:

Who has lived here the longest - and shortest?

A:

Who are the oldest and the youngest people?

A:

Which young person does or has done something interesting?

A:

Which older person has the most amazing stories?

A:

Who used to live in London?

A:

Who comes from the furthest away country?

A:

How many retired people live in the street?

A:

Who has the smallest pet?

A:

Who has a grandfather clock in their house?

A:

Other questions about your area, local heritage or wildlife?

A:

Which 3 houses have the best front garden?

A:

Which house would you most like to live at apart from your own?!

A:

How many houses have pets?

A:

HOW MANY COULD YOU ANSWER?