

Churchers Solicitors and Age Concern Gosport work together to bring a little festive cheer

Colleagues from [Churchers Solicitors](#) across Hampshire have come together to bring a little festive cheer to some local older, vulnerable people in Gosport. The lovingly prepared festive Shoeboxes, were the brainchild of Emily Manley, Associate Solicitor (Lee on the Solent office). They were then organised by Emily Mainwaring, Trainee Solicitor, Janette Rigby (Receptionist) and other colleagues from the Lee on the Solent office - who between them researched local charities and then made contact, with Age Concern Gosport.



From left to Right:- Janette Rigby (Churchers Solicitors) Angela Gould (Age Concern Gosport) and Emily Mainwaring (Churchers Solicitors).

Emily Mainwaring said...

“Here at Churchers we work closely with the elderly community in Gosport throughout the year and wanted to give back to them this Christmas.”

Once prepared, the brightly coloured festive Shoeboxes with a range of gifts and a Christmas card inside, were delivered to the [Age Concern Gosport](#) office. The liaison and distribution of the Christmas Shoeboxes has been organised for some of those identified as being in need locally, by Age Concern Gosport's p/t Coordinator, Angela Gould and her [Gosport Voluntary Action](#) Welfare team colleagues, from Befriending, Advocacy, Dustbusters and Mend & Tend.



Angela Gould said...

“When I first read the request from Emily, I thought what a wonderfully kind suggestion and how nice it would be, for those particularly lonely at Christmas to receive such a gift and how uplifting the experience would be for all.”

Will you have a few hours a week to spare in 2024?

In early 2024, Age Concern Gosport is looking to recruit new Information Volunteers - who communicate well, have an eye for detail and are keen to support local older people with form-filling - enabling them to access the benefits and services they need.

Age Concern Gosport is also looking for new Trustees – to oversee and support the local independent charity's sustainability and future direction of travel. To find out more about either volunteer opportunities, please email info@ageconcerngosport.org.uk or telephone the Age Concern Gosport office – 02392 604699.

The Age Concern Gosport office is situated within Gosport Voluntary Action at Martin Snape House, 96 Pavilion Way, Gosport PO12 1FG. It is open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12pm.

Website: <https://ageconcerngosport.org.uk/>

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Background Information

Age Concern Gosport is an independent local charity supported by Gosport Borough Council. It offers free and impartial information and form filling for people aged 55+ of Gosport including their families and carers. Friendly, trained volunteers can provide:

- ✓ A broad range of information to help people aged 55+ in Gosport. If they don't have the answer, they will direct you to someone who does.
- ✓ Assistance with form filling including Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance, Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Pension Credit and Blue Badge applications.
- ✓ Domestic help information such as cleaning, personal care, mobile hairdressers, chiropodists, gardening, repairs and more.
- ✓ Details of social clubs, day centres, lunch clubs, health and wellbeing services, bereavement and financial support...