

Newsletter

Search Newcastle

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Supporting older people in Newcastle

As we enter the darker, colder days we have lots at Search to keep you warm and brighten your days with a range of Winter and Christmas activities. Our staff and Volunteers will be offering a warm welcome at our Pop in Centre on Adelaide Terrace which is open Monday to Friday 10am until 4pm as a warm space with free hot drinks served all day. We have a range of carol singing opportunities which we would welcome you to join. Looking forward to 2024 it is with regret due to rising costs we will be scaling back our newsletters from 4 a year to 3, if you are able to receive your newsletter by email that would help us greatly too. I look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas events.

Simon

Make your Mark

We are excited to be currently running a history project, capturing your memories and stories from Benwell and Scotswood in days gone by. If you have lived, shopped, worked or have fond memories of visiting Benwell and Scotswood over the years we would love you to share your stories with us, you may have photos or objects from the area you wish to show us too. To be part of this project please ring us to register your interest and we will let you know how you can join the fun and reminiscence.

Christmas Lunch

Come and join us for a two course Christmas lunch and fun at Broadmead Church on 19th December 12.30pm. Spaces are very limited so please call Search to book place, suggested donation £3.

Broadmead Church, 90 Broadmead Way, NE15 6TS





Activities

Festive crafts on Wednesday afternoons at Pop In Centre, Adelaide Terrace throughout December 1pm-3pm.

Sunday 17th December 1pm-3pm Christmas Concert. Enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink while you soak up the festive atmosphere with the wonderful orchestra The Semitones. This event is very popular so book now to ensure your place.

Access to Talking Therapies – Good Tidings and Games

To mark our second Christmas working in partnership with Newcastle Talking Therapies, we continue to improve access to the service for our Search Friends, and this year is no exception.

Christmas can be a difficult time for many, we want to create a warm welcome and safe space for all. Having a conversation can be the first step to understanding that you are not alone, and Search is here to help.



On 21st December, we will be hosting a fun morning of games, music, and refreshments at Newcastle City Library. Kat will be hosting the session and will be available to chat about finding the right support for you. So, pop on your Christmas jumpers,

tuck into a mince pie, and join the festive fun for the chance to win some prizes!

21st December 10:30am – 12:00pm Newcastle City Library, Floor 6 – Room 8
NE1 8AX

Christmas Tea Dance

Come along and join us for our Christmas Tea Dance at Throckley Community Hall on Thursday 14th December 12.30pm-2pm. There will be mince pies, biscuits, tea and coffee to along with plenty of dancing led by Linda and Christmas cheer!

£2 per person.



Christmas Social

We are holding our Outer West Christmas Social at Throckley Community Hall on Thursday 7th December, from 6pm till 9pm.

We will be having Michael back to sing like last year, a raffle, Pie and Pea supper and, of course, bingo! As well as lots of laughs, chats and sing along. Please come along and join us!"

£3 per person.



Advice and Information

West End Warmers

As Winter is almost upon us, Search is continuing to offer Free Energy Advice to people aged 50+ in the West End of Newcastle.

Information provided will be to assist with any queries that you may have regarding your energy bills, ie, debts, switching energy providers, scammers, government support such as Cost of Living payments and Warm Home Discount and promotions of the small energy measures and energy saving tips.

This assistance can also be conducted 1:1 with face-to-face appointments, telephone appointments and home visits will be arranged to see just what small energy measures you may require.

Some of the following free measures are on offer:

- Foils to put behind the radiator
- LED light bulbs
- Seals around the doors to prevent draughts and a small number of other measures.

Please contact Search on 0191 273 7443 or come to one of our drop-ins for further information.



Dementia Welfare Advice

Advice on Lasting Power of Attorney, Wills, Benefits and Welfare Advice for people with a Diagnosis of Dementia.



Christmas catch up at the Pop In

Adam, Karen and Safia will be opening up the Pop In Centre for a daytime session between Christmas and New Year from 10.30am to 2pm on Wednesday 27th December. We will be offering a warm welcome to anyone who wants a chat, along with a hot drink and a mince pie for those who still want them!

This session is part of our aim to ensure that everyone aged 50+ is offered a warm welcome, especially those who sometimes prefer smaller, quieter gatherings as a way of connecting within their communities and making new friends. We can tell you more about our different groups if you come along on the 27th December, or at our regular slot at the Pop In which is on Monday afternoons.

Please ask if you would like any more info on any of the meet ups that we are involved with.



Christmas Raffle

Our annual Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale from Mid November, you can purchase them for £1 from our Pop In Centre or when attending activities. We have some fantastic prizes such as a family ticket for the Life Science Centre, a beauty treatment voucher, theatre tickets among others. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 20th December 10am-12pm at the Christmas Hub coffee morning at Condercum Road Library. You have to be in it to win it!



Sing a little sunshine this winter?

Carol Sing with us all around Newcastle this December to support our work with older people.

We will be carol singing and collecting donations in various locations around Newcastle during the first two weeks of December. Join us as a volunteer singer to help spread a little cheer this festive season. To register as a singer and find out dates and locations please call Nicola on 0191 273 7443 or email nicola.robsonbortun@searchnewcastle.org.uk

Join us on

Sunday, 17 December 2023, 10.30am

Christmas Carol Service

TO RAISE AWARENESS OF DEMENTIA SERVICES
IN WEST NEWCASTLE & IN AID OF SEARCH: AT
THE ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL CHURCH
WINGROVE ROAD. NE4 9BU.
BROADCAST BY RADIO TYNESIDE -
ENTRANCE: FREE

