



South Gloucestershire Over Fifties Forum

Campaigning for older people

The South Glos Over 50's Forum

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South Gloucestershire over 50s Forum was launched in Kingswood in 1993. It aims to raise the profile, needs and interests of the over fifties and to campaign for justice, respect and recognition. It is non-party political and appropriately voices the views, concerns and opinions of our members. The Forum works to ensure that older citizens are not ignored and that their knowledge and abilities are recognised and valued.

Membership is free and open to all South Gloucestershire residents over the age of 50

The Forum holds regular open meetings across South Gloucestershire in Thornbury, Yate, Kingswood, Filton/Patchway and the Stokes areas, with speakers on a wide range of subjects of interest to the over fifties. There are always lively discussions which are enjoyed by all (For some events there is a small charge). The AGM is held each May. Meetings are always held in accessible venues.

The meetings are a real opportunity for people to have their issues heard and to meet with and question decision makers as well as have information events on topics that support daily life. We understand that issues for people of working age may be different from those who are long term retired so meetings can be separate where appropriate.

Management committee members attend various meetings, conferences and seminars where over fifties' issues are highlighted and discussed. However, we do appreciate that not all members are able to attend meetings and we endeavour to keep everyone informed of all developments through our newsletters which are sent to every member, and all South Gloucestershire Councillors.

Your views and opinions are essential to us so that we can organise relevant speakers at our meetings. If you have any particular concerns about any issues, please feel free to contact us (details below). Or, if you would like to help with the running of the group in your area, sit on a working group (because of your experience eg dementia, sight impairment etc) or be on our South Gloucestershire Management Committee, there are always tasks that need attention and we would welcome your skills!

We are affiliated to the National Pensioners Convention and Forum members pay to attend the annual "Pensioners' Parliament" in Blackpool. This event is open to all our members.

The Forum receives a grant from South Gloucestershire Council and applies for other grants from other organisations for financial support to meet the needs of the Forum.

**Come and join us
There is strength in numbers
Make your voice heard**

For more information please visit the Forum website southglosover50sforum.btck.co.uk

Donations are always welcome!

Membership Application Form

First name

Surname

Partner/spouse for joint membership

Year of birth

First name

Surname

Year of birth

Address

Post code

Tel no

Mobile

Email address

Would you be happy to receive correspondence and newsletters by email? Yes/No

I/we declare that we are over 50

Signature 1

Signature 2

Please tell us if you have any specific concerns. I/we think the most important issue facing the over fifties.

For security reasons we suggest that you do not email this form, but print pages 2 and 3 and post to: **Over Fifties Forum**, The Clock Tower, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XU

To contact us by 'phone please call 07967 102141.

Statistical monitoring. Under the terms of our funding from South Gloucestershire Council we are asked to collect Equalities information about our membership.

Please can you complete as follows:

Partner 1

Gender

Ethnic origin

Disability. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

If Yes, please indicate:

Physical Impairment, such as difficulty using arms or mobility issues which means using a wheelchair or crutches
Sensory impairment, such as being blind/having a serious visual impairment or being deaf/have a serious hearing impairment.
Mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or dementia
Learning disability/difficulty (such as Down's syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder.
Long-standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy.
Prefer not to say
Other (please state below)

Partner 2

Gender

Ethnic origin

Disability. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

If Yes, please indicate:

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