

## About us

We are a registered charity, enjoying Organisation status within the Age Concern Federation. Founded in 1950 as the Berkshire Voluntary Committee for Older People, Age Concern Berkshire has grown and evolved over the years. The organisation today runs a number of services for older people, whilst maintaining its original role of influencing public opinion.

We have around 20 staff and 80 volunteers, who come from a wide variety of backgrounds. But all have a common purpose:

- to inform and assist frail, older people, and
- to encourage them towards independence, self-care, and mutual support.

Our work is supported by many local organisations, with whom we work in partnership to provide most of our services. This support is complemented by the generosity of many private individuals. Their donations and legacies, large and small, help us maintain our independence, and our ability to plan new services for the older person in years to come.

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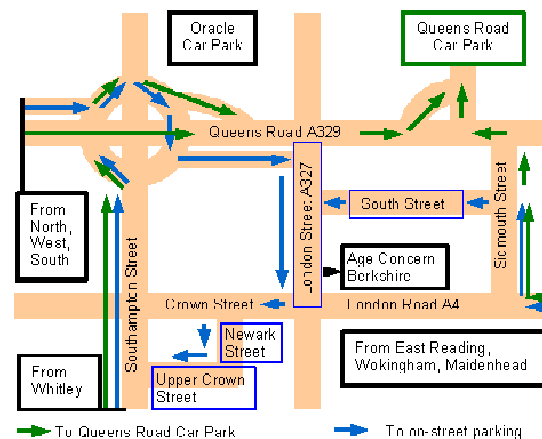
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For personal callers, the map below shows where we are and where to park (note that on street parking is limited and the time limits on it are strictly enforced). Several local buses stop just outside.



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## Age Concern Berkshire, its Trustees, and Age Concern, The Federation

Age Concern Berkshire is an independent, autonomous charity, governed by a board of trustees. The trustees ensure that we fulfil our charitable purpose, work within the law, and that our organisation is well - managed. The trustees all act in a voluntary capacity.

Our membership of Age Concern, the Federation, improves support for our work and increases our access to resources. It also ensures that, along with other Age Concern groups and organisations, we meet a common working standard through a system of quality counts. All members of the federation subscribe to the set of values set out below:

**Enabling:** By being dependable, approachable, and available and helping older people to achieve their aims

**Influencing:** Challenging and campaigning to influence public opinion and decision makers at all levels

**Dynamic:** By adopting a proactive and innovative approach to our activities

**Expert:** By constantly updating and maintaining the knowledge and skill upon which our activities depend

**Caring:** By listening, caring, and responding to people (users, donors, staff, supporters etc).

## Services

Details of our services can be found in our leaflet entitled "Services for Older People". In brief, we run the following:

Advocacy	All of Berkshire
Befriending -	
- Linkways	Reading
- Westlink	West Berkshire
Counselling	All of Berkshire
Handyperson Scheme	Reading
	Wokingham
	Bracknell
	West Berkshire
	Sovereign Housing
Home from Hospital	Reading
	Wokingham
	West Berkshire
Information and Advice	All of Berkshire
IT Awareness	All of Berkshire
Well-Being in the Older Community	West Berkshire

## Volunteers

At Age Concern Berkshire, we welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. Volunteers contribute to the scheme whatever they are able to in terms of time. They often say that volunteering is of the most rewarding things they have ever done.

Please call us for more information.

## Partnerships

We are happy to form a partnership with any organisation which helps us to fulfil our mission.



We bring to a partnership our status as a charity, the resources of the national Age Concern Federation, and the trust and confidence of our many local clients.

Our current partner organisations are:

- Reading Borough Council
- West Berkshire Council
- Bracknell Forest Borough Council
- Wokingham District Council
- Active Retirement Clubs
- TV, Radio, and the local press
- Black Ethnic Minority Groups
- Carers Champions
- Community Council for Berkshire
- Crime Prevention Panel
- Crossroads
- East and West Berkshire Falls Collaborative Committees
- Help the Aged
- Sovereign Housing
- Supporting People
- The Pension Service
- UK Online