**Telephone befriending service**

In order to support socially isolated and vulnerable people at this time Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) is providing a telephone befriending service.  If you wish to volunteer to help with this you can join here:  <https://lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities/>

You will need access to the internet and ideally Skype too. Should any people be identified by our befriending volunteers as needing support such as food, medication, deliveries etc or maybe they are looking to get involved in an online keep fit class, craft making or music group for example, they will be referred to an Our Lancashire staff member who will try and put them in touch with someone offering those services, either through the neighbourhood hubs or through groups that we know about.

Therefore, we are asking ANYONE offering a service to the community at this time, to register with Our Lancashire and create a group making it a central and easy place for all to see what is going on in their areas and for us as engagement officers to connect people to those groups.

Joining is simple.  Visit [www.ourlancashire.org.uk](http://www.ourlancashire.org.uk/) and click “Join Our Lancashire” in the top right corner, input your details and you will be sent a verification email – sometimes this may go to a spam folder, so check there if you do not receive it.

Once you have verified your email, you need to visit the website and log in, from your dashboard you can then “Create A Group”.  This is where you will tell people about who you are and what your offer is.  If for example it is an online keep fit class be sure to make that clear in your text (so people don’t think they have to visit your location) however we will check each listing to make sure it is suitable, relevant and clear and will publish once we have verified it.

Kind Regards

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