

**“Joining In” Report 2017-18**

The “Joining In” Network was developed from the networking meetings that were originally held in Ash by Surrey County Council.

Voluntary Action South West Surrey (VASWS) took over the organisation and Chairing of these meetings approximately 2 years ago.

The meetings are held quarterly, and various organisations attend including Churches Together, the Welcome Club, Ash Citizens Advice, Community Street Team, Men-in-Sheds, Surrey Community Foundation, Sight for Surrey, U3A, Ash Museum, British Red Cross, Guildford Borough Council’s Community Wardens, Adult Social Care and GBC’s Arts Officer. The format of the meetings allows for 2 organisations to give a short talk for approximately 15 to 30 minutes each followed by a “question and answer” session. Following that the other organisations explain what they have been doing, any help wanted, and providing an excellent platform for networking in Ash & Ash Vale and local surrounding areas.

As the Ash Parish Councillor Representative, I am pleased to attend the “Joining In” meetings which enable many exchanges of ideas and information which enables a more cohesive local society.

Councillor Patricia Scott  
Ash Parish Council