

Your community
needs you...

MEETING

COME ALONG!



So there are other people bothered about the area! Have I got the nerve to just turn up at a meeting?

I'd love to get involved but what if my family don't like it?

I'm not sure it's aimed at people like me, especially if I have to go knocking on doors!

It's about time someone did something. I'd love to, but will people think I'm the local busybody?

Remember

- Existing groups are likely to be delighted to see new people turning up – give them a call first if you like and feel free to take a friend along.
- If you are starting out think about where you meet as some venues can put people off. The [My Community Starter*](#) website provides an interactive guide and starter pack.
- Whatever you do some people will always have something to say about it, so you may as well do what's right for you. It's your life.
- It's for you to decide what you want to do; don't allow yourself to be rushed into doing things.
- Take the time to explain to family and friends what it's all about; that you'll be helping your family and community. Invite them along as well so that they can find out for themselves and don't feel left out!

For more tips on getting started see [Volunteering England*](#) (Volunteering England is now part of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations), [Volunteer Scotland*](#), [Volunteering Wales*](#) and [Volunteer Now*](#) for information about volunteering in Northern Ireland.

Local organisations such as the Council for Voluntary Service provide information and may help you get started.



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