

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

WAYS TO BE NEIGHBOURLY WITH THE BIG LUNCH

Now more than ever we need to make time for each other and grow our neighbourly connections. Some people may be isolating for health reasons or not have technology at home. So, to make sure everyone's invited to The Big Lunch we've put together some small things you can do to celebrate community connections with your neighbours. You might know one neighbour this would make a difference to, you could decide to share it more widely, or it may be an action that everyone can join in with, it's up to you.

If you fancy joining in with The Big Lunch weekend offline, here are a few ideas to connect people safely where you live...



SHARE SOMETHING

Share or swap a recipe card with next-door, a 'remember when this happened' note with a neighbour, or a photo from your favourite Big Lunch or neighbourhood memory. Put together a small food parcel, leave lunch for someone on a doorstep or set up a small sharing stall.



STAND ON YOUR DOORSTEP



Invite neighbours to join in with a Big Lunch from their doorsteps, raise a cuppa, wave a sausage roll or have your own garden picnics at the same time. We advise following all current government guidelines about social distancing and gatherings of people, think of it like the Clap for Carers on a Thursday evening.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Make your own bunting (see our ideas and templates) and spread some neighbourly joy by hanging it out for all to see. Share some bunting pennants, set up some string with pegs on in your street and invite people to come and add their own bunting.

Create an area where people can write messages of kindness, thanks, hopes and wishes. It could be with chalk on a wall or the pavement, or you might use an old roll of wallpaper or sheet to make a banner. Leave it up for others to come and add their own messages.

WE KNOW THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM OUR USUAL BIG LUNCHES BUT IT'S ABOUT STOPPING FOR A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT'S GOOD ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS AND COMMUNITIES, FINDING WAYS TO FEEL CONNECTED AND REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ALONGSIDE US



The Big Lunch takes place on the first weekend in June and is a time for people to celebrate community connections and get to know one another a little better. Join in and have fun on 6-7 June.