

# JOIN NOW!

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS  
OF CHORLEY DISTRICT WHO ARE OVER 50  
YEARS OLD

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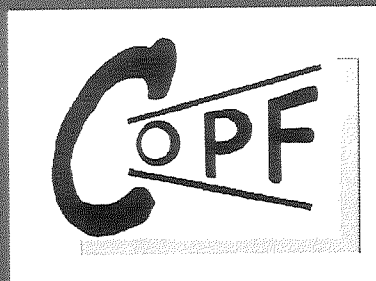
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COPF MEMBERSHIP, Lifestyle Centre  
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CHORLEY OLDER  
PEOPLE'S FORUM

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## **WHO ARE WE?**

The Forum was set up by government to provide a way members of the public over the age of 50 could give their views on services, how they are planned, how they work, how effective they are and how they might need changing. Although funded largely by the County Council the Forum is completely independent. Membership is open to all residents in the Chorley area over the age of 50 and is completely free.

## **WHAT DO WE DO?**

The Forum is represented on many planning and review bodies including the 50+ Assembly and is asked to provide views on matters that affect older people. We gather these views by holding meetings in the districts, some of which may have particular themes which reflect the concerns of the residents. If members in an area have particular concerns we can arrange a public meeting with the service providers to address the problem. There is no charge for this service. We hold monthly planning meetings in the Lifestyle Centre to which members are invited.

At least two Tea Dances are held in the Lancastrian each year when members can 'let their hair down'.

## **WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?**

We are living in times of great changes in our society. Huge cuts are being made to public service finances. Although service providers are doing their best to avoid cuts to actual services it would be naive to suppose there will not be some. The speed at which the cuts are being made means there has been a very limited time for planning and consultation. The government hopes that the voluntary sector will fill the gaps but finds to this sector have also been very seriously cut. It is likely there will be problems, many of which will affect older people who often have difficulty expressing their concerns and problems.

Membership of the Forum not only gives you a chance to express your views and concerns but, as a respected body, ensures those views will be taken seriously by the service providers.

As a member you can report your concerns about issues that affect you and be kept informed on any consultations that are taking place. You may, of course, not have any problems, but it is likely you know someone who does, be it a family member or friend. It would be true to say you may not need us now, but when you do you will be glad we are here!