

# FriendsTogether

*A social organisation for single people*

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## Information Sheet

FriendsTogether (formerly PROBIS) was founded in November 1983 to cater for the social needs of unattached people in Essex.

Events are arranged by members, for members, and no-one needs to be concerned about turning up on their own. It aims to provide a good social life for single, widowed, divorced and separated people, aged 60 or over, who might otherwise find themselves on the fringe of a society that so often caters for couples. It is not a dating agency but inevitably many members make strong and lasting friendships.

As a prospective member, you need to complete the registration form and send it to our Treasurer (details on the form) together with a payment of £5. Having registered you will receive 2 monthly programmes during which time you will be required to attend 3 events. All events are available to prospective members. If you then decide to join the club, you please complete the attached application form, agree the amount payable to the club with Stephanie, our Membership Co-ordinator, and send the form with your cheque to our Treasurer. The committee meets monthly and your application will be considered at the next meeting. Our Chairman will write to advise you of the Committee's decision regarding your application.

Members of the committee take it in turns to organise the monthly programme and will telephone members to invite them to hold an event. You are required to host at least one event every 6 months. Please note that if it is helpful a committee member is available to assist a new member who is organising an event.

When you complete the renewal form each six months, please try to indicate on the form when you intend to hold an event or events even if you are not sure. The form should then be sent, together with your subscription (which is currently £10 per 6 month period) to our Treasurer. We ask you to indicate when you will be able to hold an event as this enables our programme co-ordinators to target their time effectively – it does not bind you in any way. If you have not indicated a date then you are far more likely to receive a telephone call every month. The renewal form gives our bank details if you prefer to make payment by electronic transfer.

Could we here make an important point. Programme co-ordinators are members, just like you, and are simply doing a 'job' on the club's behalf. Please try to respond positively if they telephone and return their calls if requested. Without a full and interesting programme there is no club for us all to enjoy.

Prospective and new members will always receive a warm welcome from their host and he/she will ensure that you are introduced to other members attending the event.

If you have any questions, please contact any committee member. We look forward to meeting you at a future event.