

REPORT FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER FELIXSTOWE 2026



Everyone over 50 welcome

Who we are

The Hope Trust is a small Christian charity, serving those over fifty, in Felixstowe and the surrounding villages. We help people to make connections into their community, make new friends, do fun activities and try new things.

What we do

Everything we do aims to relieve loneliness and increase wellbeing. We do this by running a full program of regular activities, special events and trips out and about. There is always a warm welcome with tea, coffee and biscuits, lots of chatter and laughter and people who have the time and space to really listen to you.

Attendance of 2800 last year

Up to 90 people each month

3 weekly drop-ins with Tea, Chat and Games

Maidstone Hall- Wednesday morning
Old Felixstowe Community Centre- Thursday Morning
Broadway House- Thursday Afternoon

Trips out

10 trips out including Woodbridge, Nacton, Framlingham.
Perrywood Garden Centre, Martlesham and Stane for shopping trips. Two boat trips down the river to see the seals

8 local lunches in pubs, cafes and restaurants for meals or afternoon teas together

Talks , quizzes, singers and entertainers

Monthly games and lunch at old Felixstowe
Monthly Film Event with lunch at Maidstone Hall

3 Bereavement courses.
The feedback from these was really positive with people finding them extremely helpful and said they made a really positive difference to them at a really difficult time

Feedback

Love coming, the friendliness and compassion is lovely
Staff are very friendly & helpful
Very much appreciate the opportunity to attend each week
Thoroughly enjoy all aspects of the Hope Trust
I always enjoy my days at the Hope Trust get togethers. All staff are always very friendly & nothing ever seems to be too much trouble
They have organised so much for everyone, we are very grateful to them it makes our lives better
Everyone is so compassionate, friendly & helpful
It really is the friendliest of places to be if you are lonely

Residential Homes

We have continued and expanded our work in residential homes in Felixstowe. We have supported Conistone and White Gables throughout the whole year with monthly services. We then were able to start a service in Maynell care home followed in March by Foxgrove
Although all the homes are different in size and resident make up, they are very welcoming and the residents appear to really enjoy singing all the older hymns, hearing a short talk and praying together.

**We continue to be so thankful to God for blessing our work, for our amazing volunteers and trustees who all do a brilliant job as well as to all the churches and individuals who support us in prayer and with finance.
We would not be able to impact so many people without your support.**