HAPPY TO CHAT BENCH

Criteria

Happy to Chat is an initiative organised by Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council to combat loneliness.

The aim is to provide a safe space where people can come and sit and potentially have a conversation.

Having trialled the scheme in a local café, we are keen to extend this trial to a bench or outdoor space.

In this instance we have elected to find an appropriate bench

To ensure the trial is secure, the location should be in a reasonably busy area with good visibility. It is felt a town centre or seafront location is preferable and ideally, the bench should not be the sole one in the location as other users may not be happy to chat.

Potential Locations.

5 benches have been earmarked initially.

They are in the following areas:

- I. Devonshire Square.
- 2. Marina (at the southern end of Devonshire Rd).
- 3. Marina Court Ave (Southwest end of the De La Warr car park).
- 4. Western Rd (At the junction of Devonshire Rd.
- 5. Western Rd (located near the town council office.

Location I: Devonshire Square

Advantages:

- Busy, town centre location
- Two benches in the location
- Good visibility

Disadvantages

• Traffic noise





Location 2: Marina

Advantages:

- Busy, town centre location
- Three benches in the location
- Good visibility

Disadvantages

Can be cold/windy down near seafront

Location 3: Marina Court Avenue

Advantages:

- Two benches in the location
- Good visibility

Disadvantages

- A little isolated (especially in Winter
- Can be cold/windy down near seafront





Location 4:Western Rd

Advantages:

- Busy, town centre location
- Good visibility
- Near to council office

Disadvantages

- Potentially too busy
- Only a single bench
- Traffic noise

Location 5:Western Rd (centre)

Advantages:

- Busy, town centre location
- Two benches in the location
- Good visibility
- Near to council office

Disadvantages

- Potentially too busy
- Traffic noise



Bench sticker design



THIS IS A THAPPY TO CHAT' BENCH

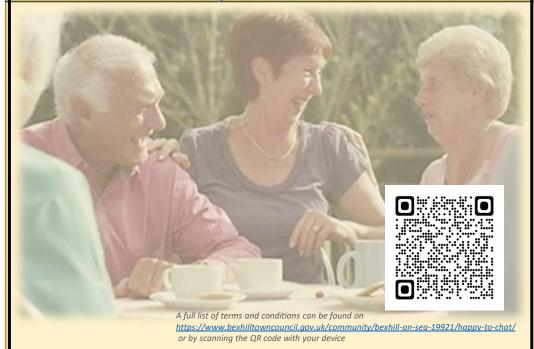
Please sit here if you are happy to have a conversation with a stranger

Please scan the attached QR Code for more details or log on to https://www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk/community/bexhill-on-sea-19921/happy-to-chat/

Shop window poster



An initiative by Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council.



THIS VENUE HAS A TABLE RESERVED FOR: 'Friendships about to happen'

Come in and sit at the table if you are happy to have a conversation with a stranger!