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16 Brookfield Road
East Budleigh

I attended the Big Tent Event at Budleigh Salterton Public Hall on the 17 Oct from 9 until 12.

The meeting was about addressing Social Isolation and loneliness in East Devon, where we know many people ^{are} not reached, many people find it hard to join in events, if they are on there own, its taking the first step through the door?

Also it came out that in Budleigh and our Villages there is a divide of rich and more people on a much lower ~~or~~ income, who would worry about joining some of the clubs, because of cost.

But we were represented by many groups i.e the library was one group that offer at no cost books and a small cost for C.D.s and also do tea & coffee also they now have a small walled garden that people can use, the church and Wesleys offer help to people, we on table 3 found that people may feel very excluded, also even if we know people that are isolated, it can be very hard to get them to come along its hard sometimes to make the contact, one worry for many is transport many of the people do not have cars, the buses do not always go where the event is? so that is one problem that needs help. Over 9% of our young people in East Devon suffer from loneliness, which is a lot.

We have many carers young and old who need help very often they dont get it or they fall through the net who face social isolation and loneliness we also have children with special needs again very often hidden many of the people we talk about live behind closed doors. Being lonely can affect your health so we come back how we must try to reach people in Social Isolation. This meeting will be followed by others at a later date. Local Liaison Ell Kathy Moyle B.E.M.