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Welcome to AGEnda number 10

The Campaign to End Loneliness has run a hugely successful campaign over the last couple of years. Thanks in no small part to them, the issue is now high on the political and health agendas - yes, even the politicians recognise it's worth worrying about.

There's good news to report as the Silver Line goes live. But as two of the articles in this issue of AGEnda make clear, there are practical steps that the community can take too in helping to combat it - not least at Christmas, which can be the loneliest time of the year.

Small actions count for a lot - and can break down the traditional reserve we Brits are famous for, but which sometimes prevents us from connecting with our neighbours.

In this issue we also report on a new network of Older People's Housing Champions - a group of us trying to make sure that older people themselves get more of a say on how their housing needs are being met.

And as another 31,000 vulnerable people died last year through what is politely referred to as "excess winter deaths", that engagement can't come soon enough.

And on a related subject, did you know that up to 100,000 oil users are paying up to twice as much for their heating as those of us reliant on gas? Small wonder fuel poverty is so rife. And yes, we can do something about that too!

All the main stories are hyperlinked below, but you can also go to our download area on www.agenda-efa.org.uk and read them as a rather niftily designed digital newsletter - and print off any pages you want to circulate.

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