

**Email and website text**

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Kinship Care Week reminds us that there is a powerful community of kinship carers who share their experiences in many different ways to help other kinship carers feel less lonely and isolated.

This week, we are shining a light on these important connections forged between kinship carers. The conversations, the friendships, and the shared understanding from **being in the same boat**.

**This Kinship Care Week let’s raise a teacup together to kinship families everywhere!**

Join Kinship’s Community – a national network of over 15,000 kinship carers and their supporters - for support and connection: <https://kinship.org.uk/support-and-advice/join-our-community/>

For ideas about how you can get involved in Kinship Care Week, from raising awareness in your community to organising a tea party, visit: [kinship.org.uk/kinship-care-week](https://kinship.org.uk/kinship-care-week/)

1. **Host a tea party for kinship carers or kinship families** in your local area. Kinship Care Week tea parties hosted by Kinship support groups are special moments of connection where you can grab a cuppa, some cake, have a chat and celebrate all kinship families.
2. **Raise awareness by sharing information** about kinship care and local kinship carer support in local libraries, local authority websites, local shops etc. with the help of our digital toolkit.
3. **Follow Kinship’s social media** and share the information we post about #KinshipCareWeek

**Social media post**

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**Social media guidance**

**Uploading on your own social media**

When you share on social media, make sure to include the hashtag #KinshipCareWeek and tag Kinship.

Facebook: @kinshipcarecharity

Instagram: @kinship\_charity

LinkedIn: @Kinship

X: @kinshipcharity