

**Meet your MP during Kinship Care Week 2025**

Kinship Care Week is a great time to meet your MP. Kinship carers will be in the spotlight and meeting your MP gives them a way to mark the week, and celebrate kinship carers in their area.

Asking your MP to meet you or inviting them to a support group meeting can be a really effective way to share your experiences and help to raise the profile of kinship care in your community.

**How to contact your MP**

It’s important that you reach out to your MP as soon as possible about attending a meeting or event during Kinship Care Week because their diaries get booked up.

You can find out who your MP is, and their contact details on the [Parliament website](https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP) (<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>). Just enter your postcode and you’ll be taken to an information page about your MP, including their email address.

It’s best to email your MP (template below), inviting them to meet you or come along to a support group. Tell them about Kinship Care Week and why you would like to meet them. If you want to include specific details about kinship care in your area to help them understand the scale of the issue, you can find more here: <https://kinship.org.uk/constituency-map>.

If you would like any support contacting your MP, or help with what to say when you meet them, please contact Kelly on [kelly.taylor@kinship.org.uk.](mailto:kelly.taylor@kinship.org.uk)

**Template email to your MP**

You can use as much or as little of the template email below, and edit it to make it more personal or to share a bit about your support group if you would like to. It’s best if the email clearly comes from you!

**Email subject:**

Please meet with kinship carers during Kinship Care Week

**Email copy:**

Dear [MP’s name] MP

I am writing to invite you to a Kinship Care Week 2025 event on [date] at [place], organised by [name of local group] Group.

We are a group of kinship carers who have stepped up to raise a family or friends’ child where they cannot live with their birth parents. We meet regularly having developed a much-needed supportive network for kinship carers in our community.

Kinship Care Week takes place at the beginning of October. It is an annual celebration for kinship carers and an important opportunity to recognise the contribution we make to society raising more than 141,000 children across England and Wales in stable and loving homes. Kinship carers often come together to mark the week and to raise awareness and build understanding of kinship care and our kinship families.

There are an estimated [number from our website] children in kinship care in [MP’s constituency]. However, unlike foster and adoptive families, many of these families receive little to no support. Your attendance at our Kinship Care Week event would mean a lot to the kinship carers and their families that live in your constituency. If you are interested in finding out more about kinship care and support for families in your area, please visit [www.kinship.org.uk.](http://www.kinship.org.uk/)

This event will give you an opportunity to speak directly with kinship carers about their experiences and the challenges they are facing locally, and get their views on how the new UK Government can deliver improved support for all kinship families.

The event will be fairly informal, and celebratory, giving you a chance to sit down and have a chat and a cup of tea with kinship carers and the challenges we’re facing.

Please contact [your contact details] to RSVP and for further information. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

[Your name]

On behalf of [group name]