

# A successful meetup: our Aylesbury community group

Our first Aylesbury community group gathering was a resounding success!

Held in the Holiday Inn, this event brought together individuals and SIA partners to discuss important topics, share experiences, and build lasting connections.

### The attendees

We were thrilled to welcome **five members** to the meetup. Their enthusiasm and commitment to the cause set the tone for an engaging and informative session. Additionally, we had the privilege of hosting two of SIA's partners:

- 1. **Martin from Lime Solicitors**: Martin's warm presence and thoughtful insights enriched our discussions. As a legal professional, he provided valuable perspectives on disability rights and advocacy.
- 2. Clare from Stewarts Law: Clare's passion for community engagement shone through as she generously brought along delicious cakes. Her legal expertise and genuine interest in our group's mission were evident to all.

#### Refreshments and conversations

Martin's thoughtful gesture of providing refreshments was greatly appreciated. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee and the delightful spread of snacks created a welcoming atmosphere. Clare's cakes were a hit among attendees. As we sipped our drinks and savoured the treats, conversations flowed freely.

## Topics of discussion

Our meetup kicked off with an overview of the impactful campaigns led by SIA. Each campaign resonated with at least one member, sparking personal anecdotes and shared experiences. From accessibility challenges to advocating for better healthcare, our discussions covered a wide range of issues.

## Insights from Our Partners

Both Martin and Clare generously shared their professional experiences. Martin emphasised the importance of knowing our rights and navigating legal complexities. He offered practical advice on handling specific situations related to disability rights. Clare, drawing from her legal background, highlighted strategies for addressing common challenges faced by our community.

## New Friendships and Future Plans

As the meetup drew to a close, it was heartwarming to witness new friendships forming. Attendees exchanged contact information, promising to stay connected beyond the event. We're excited to announce that our next meetup is scheduled for **Tuesday 9 April**. Mark your calendars, and let's continue building a supportive and empowered community together!

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, and made our first Aylesbury community group gathering a memorable occasion. See you at the next meetup!

For information about all our community groups click here.

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