

## What is Music Anywhere?

Music Anywhere is a community interest company, which means any profits are ploughed back into its core purpose, supporting people rurally, or who might experience isolation or loneliness for all sorts of reasons.

Live music does things that nothing else can to make us feel better! We recognise that people who live alone, or who don't have access to towns and villages, may enjoy live music, but not be able to reach it.

## What is The Music at Home Service?

The Music at Home Service (The MHS) provides live music via vetted and auditioned musicians to visit your home and play for you, have a chat and a cuppa and see how you are.

It is one of the 'free' services provided by a community interest company, Music Anywhere. We believe that music makes us better in many ways, from lifting our mood, jogging our memories and giving us someone to share them with.

## How does it work?

Music Anywhere applies for funding to keep this service free, so anyone, anywhere can have access to live music.

Firstly, one of the team will come and visit you and have a chat about what you like. This isn't just about music! We want to know if you have a favourite type of music, but we also want to hear about you, what you like and what you do.

After that we find a musician who has similar interests and musical taste to you and introduce them.

You can be any age, background, musical taste, or interest, we want to get live music to everyone who would benefit from it and who enjoys music!

If you play an instrument or sing, you can get involved as you wish.



## The Music at Home Service



### **What happens when a musician visits me?**

For your first session, one of the team will come with the musician and introduce them to you.

After that, you will have a chat with them and make sure you liked the musician and felt comfortable with them. If you'd like to try someone else, that's fine! You can alternate musicians if you wish.

You then choose a day and time to see them. It may be necessary to swap days if someone's unwell or on holiday.

The musician will be with you for up to an hour and a half (1.5 hours), but if you've had enough after an hour, just tell them!

Throughout the time they're with you, they want to get to know you and talk about your favourite music, any memories you'd like to share and your interests. It's a friendly service and we want to get to know you!

Occasionally, one of the team will call to make sure everything's alright and ask you some questions.

### **How long can I get this for?**

Music Anywhere is a new community interest company, which means that we're busy looking for funding to keep this going. For now, we're offering everyone who's interested, a session a fortnight, for a year (to 2024).

### **Are there any rules I should follow?**

Please let us know if you have any animals, so we can ask our musicians if they are comfortable or allergic.

If you are a smoker, we ask that you refrain from smoking whilst the musician is with you.

If you need to cancel or postpone, please give as much notice as possible, but a minimum of 24 hours is ideal.

### **What if I don't like it?**

That's fine! You can either ask for a different musician or stop altogether. If you decide you'd like it again, just give us a call. There is no obligation or expectation.

### **How do I know the people coming to my home are properly checked?**

This is really important to us as we know it's a leap of trust to share your home with someone.

Everyone is police checked - from the team in the office to all the musicians.

The musicians go through safeguarding training.

We work with social care and other charities and organisations to reach the people using The Music at Home Service and may need to tell them if something's wrong, or if you're unwell.

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