

EASY AND EFFORTLESS THINGS TO BUILD YOUR STREET COMMUNITY AND GET YOUR KIDS OUTSIDE



1. Sit out the front with a cup of tea biscuits and squash and spare cups for neighbours
2. If a big lunch or street party too daunting to organise. Just get some chairs invite one or two people and just have your big lunch on the pavement
3. Let the kids go down to the youth club by themselves
4. Buy some pavement chalk
5. Visit www.playingout.net
6. Talk to my neighbours about a street party www.ourstreetparty.org
7. Find a tree for my kids to climb
8. Go for an explore in the woods
9. Play football on the green in the close
10. Speak to my town councillor about my ideas to improve the park
11. On a rainy day, street film club for kids in your front room
12. Ask any older relatives about their own memories of play
13. If you grow your own veg – leave any surplus out the front in a box
14. Leave the kids skipping ropes by the front door
15. Do any maintenance or fixing work out the front (e.g. cycle maintenance) a great way to chat to your neighbours as they come and go

16. Volunteer for beavers/cubs etc
17. Talk to other adults at the park
18. Encourage my children to go and call for a neighbour and see if they want to play
19. www.geocaching.com
20. www.50things.org.uk
21. Buy a cheap scooter from the recycling centre shop
22. Read the kids their bedtime stories out the front
23. Organise an after school picnic
24. When it snows, build the snowman out the front
25. Bake a cake for new neighbours or drop a card through the door
26. Paint your railings, windows or do a spot of gardening on a sunny day. You'll speak to lots of people as they pass
27. Round up the kids for a game of rounders
28. Chalk a hopscotch on the pavement and see what happens
29. Make a front window art display
<https://windowwanderland.wordpress.com>
30. Plan a cycle down the canal
31. Get skipping ropes and teach my grandchildren some skipping rhymes

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