

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Sandra and I founded and now run the Watton Ladies Group.

Way back in 2019 when we were trying to cope with the lockdowns, masks and boredom I put on Facebook that I was starting a new Afternoon W.I. I had an amazing amount of interest and to make a very long story short I did start a new group but not under the W.I.'s umbrella.

No-one knew how many lonely people were out there and at that time I had a potential membership of around 100 ladies. When we were allowed to meet outside, with up to 30 members we started at our wonderful Loch Neaton and called it a picnic.

We are now nearly 4 years old and helping ladies with their loneliness, boredom and a chance to make new friends. We now have approx. 65 members and a list of regulars at about 35. There is no membership fee. We meet up to four times a week, depending what you're into, using Watton Sports Centre Bar and The Loch (in good weather). We have a craft/natter group on Monday mornings, our main meeting on Tuesday afternoons, when we have quizzes and games and sometimes a speaker, a coffee morning on Thursdays and walking groups (long or short) on Sunday mornings, weather permitting. Our Book Club meets once a month.

If you would like to join us or know anyone who could benefit from this please let us know. I have some fliers if you're interested.