

Mary meets her sister-in-law, Bernie, for lunch at a local café.

Bernie shares loads of news and gossip with Mary; like the local park is going to be closed to build apartments and that there has been an increase in burglaries in the area. She also shares pictures of their nieces and nephews on holidays and at birthday parties. Mary was shocked she hadn't heard about or been informed of any of this. It turns out that all of the information was shared on local resident Facebook pages and in friend and family Whatsapp groups. Bernie says that Mary really needs to join and use these social media platforms to stay connected.

Mary has a smartphone, but it's a good few years old. She doesn't use social media and only uses Whatsapp when someone rings her. But now that she realises that she's missing out on news and connecting with friends and family she feels some pressure to join.

## Questions

What do you think about Mary's situation?

If you were in this situation, how would you get information about joining social media or apps?