



Meeting Minutes: **Dementia Friends**

Date: 9th May 2023 **Time:** 2 pm **Location:** Town Hall

In attendance: Diane Ritherdon (Chair), Cathy Dean (Secretary), Catherine Sale, Glen Williams, David Morris, Emma Richardson.

Apologies: Gail Getting, Clare Sheard.

Next meeting: 20th June Town Hall 2 pm

1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting,</p>
2.	<p><u>Previous minutes and outstanding actions.</u></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as correct.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>The application to the Community Police Fund to repeat the dementia goody bag project was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Clare and Diane visited Astbury Mere Care Home with a view to holding a memory café but due to travel and restricted parking, Diana could not get volunteers to travel.</p> <p>Diane remains the only Dementia Friends Ambassador, Alzheimer's Society has not run any new training courses.</p> <p>Attended Health and Wellbeing Fayre on 29th March.</p> <p>The Lions is planning an application to apply to the CO-OP for funding for the dementia goody bag project, will send details when applications are open.</p>
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3.	<p><u>Group Updates</u></p> <p>Dementia Action Week 16th May, Diane has a press release in the Chronicle. On Sunday, May 21st 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm there will be a Dementia Friends session held at Congleton Museum, all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Lions Dementia Action Leader has produced key stickers and finger food ideas for people living with dementia who don't want to use a knife and fork. Attached:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Finger food recipes.pdf</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>dementia-friends-stickers.pdf</p> </div> </div>
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4.	<p><u>Cheshire East Dementia Strategy</u></p> <p>Ongoing - The strategy is undergoing scrutiny within Cheshire East.</p>
6.	<p><u>Future</u></p> <p>Important information about the Dementia Friendly Communities recognition scheme from Alzheimer’s Society.</p> <p>“Our Dementia Friendly Communities recognition scheme was set up to inspire and support community-led groups to grow into the successful and sustainable groups we see today. As dementia-friendliness has grown into a wider social movement, so too have Dementia Friendly Community groups flourished, leading and delivering their own plans to improve things for people living with dementia locally.</p> <p>For these reasons, we have taken the decision to end Alzheimer’s Society’s Dementia Friendly Communities recognition scheme and our direct investment in this work.</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Society’s Dementia Friendly Communities recognition scheme will come to an end on 31 December 2023.”</p> <p>Diane and dementia-friendly leads from surrounding towns are meeting to discuss the way forward considering the update above from the Alzheimer’s Society, it presents an opportunity to continue the excellent work started so far.</p>
	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>2 more requests have been received for dementia buddies.</p> <p>Attracting new Volunteers – The job centre holding an event (Social Prescribers in attendance), Partnership Community Meeting? Or possibly stall at the Makers Market on 30th Sept.</p> <p>Next meeting 20th June.</p>