

Meeting Minutes: **Dementia Friends**


Date: 25th January 2023 **Time:** 2 pm **Location:** Town Hall

In attendance: Diane Ritherdon (Chair), Cathy Dean (Secretary), Jenny Norton, Clare Sheard, Glen Williams, David Morris, Anita Davis, Gail Getting, Elizabeth Stubbs, Mike Drew, Steph Harris, Emma Richardson, Adriana Jaracz, Jonny Gribbin.

Apologies: Sarah Jacklin, Sally Turner, Stephanie Ragdale, Catherine Sale, Anna Bagnell.

Next meeting: 29th March Town Hall 2 pm

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting, and a round-robin of introductions took place.</p> <p>We were delighted that our special guest Anita Davis could join us, prior to the meeting we had a request for Anita's presentation to be recorded there were no objections.</p> <p>Anita, a research nurse for Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust talked to us about the research process, past/current studies and how to get involved.</p> <p>You can find out more and join Dementia Research: www.joindementiaresearch.nih.gov or they can arrange to send you the JDR leaflet or get somebody to ring you to register you over the telephone.</p> <p>Anita passed on her thanks after the meeting for the warm welcome, she is happy to answer any questions and keep in touch. (Please contact Cathy if you would like Anita's contact details).</p> <p>#beatdementia</p> <p>A recording of the presentation has been uploaded to Google drive.</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ti4e-xxiSxH32GwjedsGM6gQHFXwjJO0?usp=sharing</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Previous minutes and outstanding actions.</u></p> <p>The Winter edition of the Dementia Friends leaflet was completed and printed in late December, these have been shared around the town. View a pdf version: https://www.congletonpartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Young-At-Heart-Winter-22.pdf</p> <p>600 copies £188.40 PO 951/2223</p> <p>David notified the group that the Lions put forward The Dementia Friends Goody Bag project for a Kindness Matters Award which won the District Award. The project got put forward to a national competition but didn't win. Thanks to all involved for a great project.</p> <p>Cathy has put an application to the Community Police Fund to repeat the project, 65 bags were given out last time. We are awaiting a decision on the funding, if we are successful, we will examine the process and put together a small working group.</p> <p>Diane remains the only Dementia Friends Ambassador, Alzheimer's Society has not run any new training courses.</p>

A	Cathy to follow up Community Find Application
3.	<p>Group Updates</p> <p>Adriana – Astbury Mere Care home is opening back up to the community, looking to launch a memory café. They will be running various events throughout the year. Free of charge meeting spaces. (See A.O.B)</p> <p>Diane and Clare will be attending a session about running a memory café, an event ran via the End-of-Life Group. Clare to discuss this with Adriana.</p> <p>Diane informed the group that the Bear Grills Café sessions will not be restarting mainly due to the café not opening up on suitable days but also due to the lack of attendance.</p> <p>Gail/Liz shared from the re-enablement team that it's very hard at the moment to convince people to attend groups. There is a cohort of people through covid who have gotten used to an isolated way of living. People have really lost confidence and it's a huge issue for people. Glen agreed that he had seen this at Bromley Farm. Transport is an issue for some people but it's not every case.</p> <p>There is a funding pot coming up via Cheshire East for Rural transport, there are two community minibuses via the Partnership but it's volunteer drives and training that need some investment.</p>
A	Cathy to forward details about the funding.
4.	<p><u>Cheshire East Dementia Strategy</u></p> <p>The strategy is undergoing scrutiny within Cheshire East.</p> <p>A slimmed-down document (local level) is gathering feedback, it is a spin-off plan to act as a guide for the newly diagnosed and their carers, this is currently out for consultation.</p>
6.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Fayre is taking place at Congleton Town Hall 10 am – 3 pm on 29th March. Please contact Cathy if you would like a stand.</p> <p>Paying for Care Surgery - An information session with SOLLA Accredited Care Funding Specialist, Ryan Connolly - Thursday 23rd March 2023 1.00 pm–4.00 pm. Astbury Mere Care Home (poster attached).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>8913_AM_Paying for Care Surgery-Poster_ε</p>