

# THE LAVERSTOCK MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board  
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## Application for funding for The Laverstock Memory Support Group

Details of the work being done, and the numbers of people supported by, the Laverstock Memory Support Group are given on the attached Funding Application Form.

For the last two years the total cost of running the Group has been approximately £10,000 per year.

In each year about half of the cost has been covered by grant of £5,000 from Alzheimer's Support – our main sponsor.

In addition the Southern Area Board has given us two grants of £2,000, for which we are very grateful.

This has left us with a shortfall which so far we have been able to cover by our own Fund Raising activities and donations from people who want to encourage us to continue our work. These have included several *In Memoriam* gifts in recognition of the support members of the Group and their families received from the Group while they were still living with dementia.

In the coming year, we would very much like to expand our work by inviting professionals who are involved in the care and support of people with dementia to visit the group.

These might include the following:

- an occupational therapist,
- a physiotherapist,
- a chiropodist,
- someone with expertise in electronic and internet devices that can help monitor people with dementia at risk.

From the carers point of view, it could be very helpful to use part of the time when they know the person with dementia is in the Memory Group to update themselves on the types of specialist help that is available.

Visits like this can also help the professionals understand more about the needs of families affected by dementia.

We appreciate however that professionals require fees for their services.

Therefore we would be extremely grateful if the Southern Area Board could give us a grant £3,000 this year to cover this additional work.

We will continue to endeavour to cover the remaining shortfall by fund-raising and any gifts we may receive.

I enclose the Health & Wellbeing Funding Application on the form I have been given.

If you require any clarification, or additional information, please contact me by any of the routes shown on the Application Form

Yours sincerely

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