

Salisbury Dementia Centre Fixtures and Fittings – ABG208

Introduction

This report is to update and thank the members of the Salisbury Area Board for their very generous grant of £5,000 to Alzheimer's Support towards the costs of the fixtures and fittings of our new Dementia Centre based at Scots House on Scots Lane SP1.

The project

As noted in our original application, this bid was to support the fixtures and fittings of our new Dementia Centre. I am delighted to report that after a slow start due to Covid restrictions, the Centre's core space of the day club is now rapidly approaching completion. The new flooring and ventilation system are in, as are the kitchen units and the toilets. The walls have been decorated and the remaining white goods have arrived, awaiting installation. In addition, we have ordered the specialist "Teal" furniture (various easy chairs and sofas) which should arrive within the next month or so. Our next task will be to fit out the adjoining garden space in a similar fashion to our existing Old Silk Works day club in Warminster, which won the 2019 Best Dementia-Friendly Design Award at the National Dementia Congress.

The impact



As can be seen from the above image, the fitting out is now well underway and we are looking forward to our planned opening in Spring 2023. The day club area shown here will form the beating heart of the Scots Lane Centre, providing much-needed support for local people living with dementia and their carers – the majority of whom will be family members. Our Salisbury members will enjoy a day-long series of activities and crucially, a hot 2-course lunch whilst their carers can enjoy a few precious hours respite, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones are secure and having fun with their new friends – something only made possible through the generosity of the Salisbury Area Board.

We are delighted to have such good relations with the Board and we very much look forward to continuing that relationship in the years to come. We shall of course be inviting a representative of the Board to join us in due course at the official opening. In the meantime, please do accept our profound thanks for the Board's support of our work – it really is making a difference.