

# Chairman's Announcements

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| <b>Subject:</b>                   | <b>Library memory groups</b>   |
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## Summary of announcement:

### Library memory groups launched

Four new library memory groups started in January for people with memory loss and dementia and their carers in Pewsey, Purton, Warminster & Mere.

Funded by Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, they are run by The Reader Organisation and designed to provide an enjoyable environment where people with dementia can meet with each other to enjoy literature and reading.

Sessions are free of charge and run on a weekly basis in libraries. One or two pieces of literature are used as the focus of each session and people are encouraged to contribute as much or as little as they wish to. No one has to be able to read and no one has to read aloud – although many people do, as their confidence improves.

They will be taking place as follows:

#### Wednesdays

- Warminster Library, Three Horseshoes Walk, BA12 9BT - 11.30am – 1.00pm
- Mere Library, Barton Lane, BA12 6JA - 2.30pm – 4.00pm

#### Thursdays

- Purton Library, High Street, SN5 4AA - 11.30am – 1.00pm
- Pewsey Library, Aston Close, SN9 5EQ - 2.30pm – 4.00pm

As well as promoting this opportunity to people with memory loss and dementia and their carers, Wiltshire Libraries are keen to speak to anyone who may be interested in volunteering at these groups.