

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 August 2015
Title of Report	Dementia Friendly Calne Working group update/recommendations

Purpose of Report:

To ask the area board:

- To note that the group has met and information outlined in the following meeting notes.
- To note that the group is currently preparing to run a further 7 Dementia Friends sessions in the community area.

Notes of the Calne Dementia Friendly Working Group Meeting: 15th July 2015



Area Board
for the Calne Community Area

Attendees: Cllr Christine Crisp (Wiltshire Council), Andrew Day (Alzheimer's Society), Clare Harris (Calne Town Council), Diane Gooch (Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network), Jeanette Hughes (Greensquare), David Evans (Calne Memory Club/Community Health and Social Care Forum), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Alan Hill (Wiltshire Council), Jan Bird (Calne Memory Group)
(JV reported that Jan Bird had sent notice that, due to personal reasons she would no longer be able to attend the working group).

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

2. Focus Points:

Discussing progress and developing actions relating to:

a. Dementia Friends Sessions in the Community:

- **The Town Council** – CH reported that a further session had been delayed due to workloads, however this was hoped to be rescheduled as soon as possible for Town Council Members and staff at Beversbrook.
- **At least one session in each Parish** – JV reported that she had received an email from Cherhill Parish Council (PC) requesting a session to be held in the village for Parish Councillors to attend, and to be opened up to residents also. DE reported that the PC would arrange a venue and refreshments and would promote the event in the parish.
- **High Street businesses** – A session had been promoted to all town centre shops and businesses as a part of Dementia Awareness week. The session took place on 9th June from 5:30 at the Community Hub, DG ran the session supported by JV/CH. They reported that 5 people had attended. The group felt another session should be held and the businesses signed up to Safe Places should be targeted specifically. CH/JV will sort out invite and arrange session for October. CH to contact those that attended the last session and obtain some quotes from them, that we can use in our next invite.
- **Greensquare** –JH reported that she was in the process of developing several opportunities for sessions through Greensquare:
 - Trades meeting – to engage the workmen/women who carry out work in Greensquare homes. Jeannette was working with Pete Knight to progress this session and expected it to be at some point in the autumn at Beversbrook.
 - The Wharf residents and families. JH had consulted with residents and the suggestion was that a session should be held at the Wharf as part of one of their regular coffee mornings on Weds or Fri mornings. However not between

ACTIONS

CH arrange /DG to run session

DE arrange details of possible dates.

JV/CH to arrange, run and support the session

CH contact recent friends.

JH to provide more information when available.

JH to provide information when

19-28th October. JH was working with Sarah Bradbury to progress.

- Housing teams (staff) JH suggested that, as a restructure was currently being implemented, this should be delayed until later in the year.
- Methuen Park staff (especially front of house staff). It was suggested that staff at the Greensquare offices in Chippenham should be invited to attend a session. JH thought that this might best be organised in conjunction with one of the staff lunches that happen from time to time. JH would look into this and report back to the next meeting.

- **GP practices** – CC reported that Patford Street Surgery and Northlands Surgery doctors had attended the last area board meeting (2nd June) and were asked about running sessions. The response was enthusiastic and it seemed that they were already being planned. DG was organising a session at Northlands which was primarily for patients. The group was concerned that GP staff particularly receptionists are included. AD will check Wilts Dementia Strategy/Action Plan to see if there's any mention of CCG action.
- **Young People** – JV reported that she had a request from the Calne Local Youth Network (LYN) for a session. (The LYN had made a 'Big Pledge' to become Dementia Friends). JV would ask the LYN to suggest a couple of dates when they would be available to have a session and would work with the group to make the arrangements. DG would run the session.

DG reported that she had been contacted with regards to running a session at John Bentley School in September. DG would run this and JV would attend to support and observe a young people's session.

b. Support and promote the Memory Club.

DE reported that Jan Bird has had to step down from the Memory Club for personal reasons and that he would attend the Dementia Friendly group temporarily until an alternative representative was

available.

JH to provide information when available.

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AD check Strategy/Action plan for links to CCG.

JV work with LYN to arrange a session. DG run session.

DG arrange and run session. JV to support.

identified. David suggested that the group could help the memory club by

- Helping to promote the clubs programme of activities.
- Helping to find more volunteers to run the club (once a fortnight).

DE will forward details of the programme to JV for circulation to the group. JV and CH will promote on Wiltshire Council and Town Councils Social media and blog sites.

3. Developing the overarching aim to become a dementia friendly community area:

- a. Recruiting more Champions locally and**
- b. Developing a Local Champions Network**

Camilla Alfred from Alzheimer's Society had sent out an email to all local Dementia Champions on behalf of the group asking if anyone was interested in joining the working group and working more closely to provide each other with support and encouragement.

One response had been received from Rebecca Weinling, who had expressed interest in becoming involved. It was hoped that she might attend future group meetings.

The group then discussed the possibility of growing its own champions to be involved in the group and help to rollout the programme of sessions that the group is developing. AD suggested that, if the group could identify a minimum of 12 recruits and organise a venue then he would arrange a Champions training session in Calne. The group felt that this was possible and were able to identify 4 prospective candidates immediately.

MUSIC MIRRORS project: JV explained that she had read about this project, which is being undertaken in Pewsey and wondered whether the Calne Dementia Friendly Working Group should be promoting/championing similar projects in the community area. The group felt that it would be valuable to promote projects as well as Dementia Friends sessions. DG would try to find some information/recommendations from other areas about potential projects to be discussed at the next meeting.

DE send programme of activities to JV. JV circulate. CH/JV promote on internet.

ALL – identify potential new Champions in the Community Area. JV/CH arrange venue/refreshment AD arrange session.

DG – find information about potential projects.

4. Relationship to Safe Places (S.P.):

CH reported that the S.P. scheme was launched at the Summer Festival in Calne and had been well received by the community.

The Calne Community Safety Forum (CCSF) was meeting again next week and would be discussing how to further raise awareness of the scheme.

AD also reported that the Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership were in the process of agreeing and rolling out In Case of Emergency (ICE) cards.

It was suggested that S.P. be made a standing agenda item and that the CSF is asked to have Dementia Friends as a standing agenda item in order to maintain links between the two.

In addition it was decided that the CSF be asked to consider helping to encourage organisations signed up as Safe Places to attend or request their own Dementia Friends sessions. CH/DG would take this to the CSF meeting next week.

CH/DG make request at Community Safety Forum.

5. Recording/promoting achievements.

It was suggested that the group needs to keep some kind of record of the number of Friends that it makes through this working group and try to promote its successes.

It was decided that a table would be produced to record the statistics and this would be updated at each future meeting to be reported to the Area Board.

JV produce table of stats.

6. Any other business:

- DG reminded the group that she had asked for an edited edition of the letter to High Street shops to be produced for her to take to Sainsburys. CH would amend the previous letter and send to DG.

CH amend and send letter to DG.

- DE reminded the group that the Calne Community Health and Social Care Group (CCHSC) would be meeting next week. DG would be attending and agreed to give an update on behalf of the group.

DG provide Dementia Friendly Working group update to CHSC.

- It was noted that this year was the 100 year anniversary of the Women's Institute and suggested that the group might challenge the WI in the Calne Community Area to create 100

Dementia Friends to mark this anniversary. DG would contact the WI to gauge their reaction to this idea.

7. Feedback to and recommendations for the Area Board.

- **To note the group has met and the information outlined in these meeting notes.**
- **To note that the group is currently preparing to run a further 7 sessions in the community area.**

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 2nd September, 10am at Bank House.

DG contact WI with this suggestion.

CC report to the Area Board.