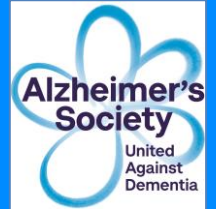


Newsletter



County Durham Dementia Support Team

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OVERVIEW

The past couple of months have been full of exciting changes, so it's only right that the newsletter changes to reflect this!

We have been absolutely blown away by the number of referrals that we have received and the support that we have been given by our partners in other organisations.

To help us manage referrals effectively and support people as well as possible we have added 2 new Dementia Support Workers and an Activities Coordinator to our team, along with a new Service Manager. All of this, whilst doing the 'day job' of supporting people affected by dementia!

We thought it was unfair to single out one part of the team, when we all work together to help support people. The whole team will now be part of the Newsletter.

THE DEMENTIA COMMUNITY ROADSHOW BUS...

...came to Durham Marketplace on 24th May. This was a great opportunity to raise awareness and spread the word about the fantastic work of the Society and the support available to people affected by dementia.

Right: Martyn (Roadshow unit manager), Chris Colley (Volunteer coordinator), Nicky Tulloch (DA) and Eileen Hayton (DA volunteer) with Roadie Al the Minion at the Durham Roadshow Event.

KEY STATS

- **1263 Referrals so far**
- **156 Referrals (May/June 2017)**
- **2 New Dementia Support Workers**
- **1 New Activities Coordinator**
- **1 New Service Manager**
- **1 New-look newsletter!**
- **15 People in 1 team, United Against Dementia**





We were proud to be invited to support the **Carers Event** at Police Headquarters, Aykley Heads on 22nd June.

Above: Hannah Johnson (DA), Ron Hogg (Police and Crime Commissioner); Eileen Hayton (DA Volunteer); Jude Bentham (DA) at the event.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Alzheimer's Society supports carers as well as people living with dementia. If you would like to know about the support available, please contact the Durham and Chester-le-Street Locality Office.



Ernie Malt (pictured above at the official opening), winner of Inspiring Individual of the year 2016 at the Dementia Friendly Awards, has done it again! Ernie has created a **sensory garden** for people living with dementia at Cornerstone Christian Centre in Evenwood.

Please contact Cornerstone for more information about accessing this facility.

IN BRIEF...

Rowena Carr (DSW) has supported **Holley Park Academy** in becoming the first dementia friendly school in Washington. Congratulations to all involved.

Sedgefield have joined **Stanley, Trimdon, Blackhill and Shotley Bridge** in taking the first steps towards becoming Dementia Friendly Communities.

Rowena Carr (DSW) attended the Carousel Event at **Tanfield School**, creating over 130 Dementia Friends.

Let's Get Together at **Beamish Museum** has started again. As ever, this is an immensely popular group so please contact **Ann Davies** for more information or to make a referral.

Ann Davies and **Jude Bentham** attended a successful coffee morning at **The Elms** in **Chester-le-Street** in support of Cupcake Day. Many thanks for your generous support.

Lanchester Methodist Church has made significant progress towards becoming dementia friendly. Well done to everyone for their hard work!

DON'T FORGET...

Save the date: Celebration breakfast, **13th September** 7-10 am at the Locality Office.

Memory Walk on **September 22nd** at **Beamish Museum**. Details to follow.

REFERRALS

Referrals should be made either by secure email by completing and sending the attached referral form to durhamandchester@alzheimers.org.uk or by telephone or fax - please see contact details below.

Contact Details:

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