

Presentations

Portfolio	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To receive presentations from the Alzheimer's Society on Dementia Friendly Surrey, the Camberley Care Trust and Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and Elderly.

Dementia Friendly Surrey

1. The Alzheimer's Society has been driving a Dementia Friendly Surrey initiative on behalf of Surrey County Council. The Alzheimer's Society is a leading national dementia charity with local branches delivering a range of services in Surrey.
2. It was planned, over the next two years that an over-arching Surrey Action Alliance would be established, supporting dementia friendly communities in each Borough and District. There would be a need for local people to support the work, to make a difference and to ensure that their communities could support people within the community to lead the life they choose.
3. The programme will focus on improving the inclusion and quality of life of people with dementia and their carers through:
 - Raising awareness and engaging different sections of society
 - Creating the relationships and networks that will enable people to work together for dementia friendly communities in a sustainable way
 - Recognising progress, sharing good ideas and building the evidence base to show how communities are improving things
 - Putting the views and opinions of people with dementia and their carers at the heart of any considerations or decisions.
4. Linda Cornelia, North West Surrey Services Manager, and Paul Evans, Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator, have agreed to give a presentation on Dementia Friendly Surrey and to answer Members' questions.

Camberley Care Trust

5. The Camberley Care Trust's aim is to help local elderly, disabled and vulnerable members of the community enjoy life in their own homes for as long as possible, by providing secure affordable car transport and handyman services.
6. The Trust has been providing a helping hand with transport for the elderly and disabled of Camberley and Frimley since 1974 and its Care and Repair Handyman Service started in 2000, with each service having its own dedicated telephone number, staffed by a team of volunteers working from its Camberley office.

7. Camberley Care is totally funded by donations. It receives no direct Government grant.
8. Activities are funded by sponsorship from local churches, local fund-raising charities and individuals, and by users of its services. The Trust is also helped by the Surrey County Council Supporting People Team, which provides part funding for the Care & Repair Service, by Voluntary Support North Surrey with office space, support and advice, and by Basepoint Business Centre, Camberley who kindly provide a conference room for Trustees' meetings.
9. All staff and volunteers are cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau before they can begin working with the Trust.
10. Peter Close, the Trust Chairman, has agreed to make a presentation and address Members' questions.

Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and Elderly

11. Lightwater Information for the Vulnerable and Elderly (L.I.V.E) aims to provide confidential information on the following to all in the village, but especially the elderly and vulnerable:
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Support Groups (e.g. Alzheimer's, Dementia, Stress, etc)
 - Social, Hobby and Leisure opportunities
 - Volunteering and Caring
12. Situated in the Foyer of Fredericks House at 39 Guildford Road, Lightwater, LIVE opens every Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon.
13. The Centre was the result of discussions between local people, who were concerned that information about developments and changes in the Health and Social Care sectors was not readily available to those who needed the services most.
14. A team of over 25 volunteers from Lightwater came forward to offer assistance to help run the Centre and it was hoped that the Centre would be used as a base for any number of new projects concerned with alleviating loneliness and encouraging community spirit.
15. The Centre has been supported in its formation by the Surrey Heath Clinical Commissioning Group and all Lightwater official and volunteer organisations, including All Saints Church and The Lightwater Business Association. Windlesham Parish Council and Voluntary Support North Surrey have also contributed.
16. The Fredericks Foundation in Lightwater provided valuable practical help by providing free office space and much of the furniture.

17. Windsor Rackham, the Chairman of LIVE, had agreed to make a presentation and answer Members' questions.
18. Surrey Heath Borough Council's Community Connector, Nigel Drury will attend the meeting in support of the presenting community groups.

Proposal

19. It is proposed that the Committee receives each presentation, followed by Members' questions and discussion.

Recommendation

20. The Committee is asked to consider the presentations and consider any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

Background Papers:

None

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