

# **A report for Beaudesert and Henley Parish Council setting out a pathway to becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

A Dementia Friendly community is defined as a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported, and be confident they can contribute to community life. A dementia-friendly community will be aware of and understand dementia, and people with dementia will feel included and involved, and have choice and control over their day-to-day lives.

The community will be informed by people affected by dementia led by volunteers and supported by the Dementia Friendly Communities team .

## **2. HOW DO WE START?**

We start by encouraging residents to become Dementia Friends.

Dementia Friends will understand more about Dementia. Anyone can become a Dementia Friend by attending a 45 minute session or by watching an on line video and registering at [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

## **3. HOW DO WE QUALIFY?**

In order to qualify as a Dementia Friendly community the following has to be in place.

3.1. Have the right local structure in place to maintain sustainability

3.2. Identify community reps/leads

3.3. Have a plan to raise awareness of dementia

3.4. Develop a strong voice for people living with dementia

3.5. Raise the profile of dementia to reach diverse community groups

3.6. Stay focused on the areas of action

3.7. Review any progress regularly

## **4. WHAT ACTIONS DO WE NEED TO TAKE?**

The following actions need to be taken.

4.1. We need to contact local businesses

4.2. We need to talk to community and church groups

4.3. We need to link up with SDC and WCC

4.4. We need to have contact with emergency services.

4.5. The **JPC DOES NOT INTEND** to run this scheme.

The task of the JPC is to support the process by facilitating communications and supporting a new or existing voluntary group to manage the scheme and with financial support where necessary.

**It is proposed that Cllr. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, with the support of the Clerk are appointed to request that the Hub@Henley Community Centre undertakes the lead in communicating with community groups, local authority services and businesses to promote the journey towards creating in our parishes a Dementia Friendly community. In addition Cllr xxxxxxxxxxxxxx should explore any financial implications for the council. It is requested that a progress report should be made to the next Council Meeting.**