



# Dementia Friendly Communities in Sevenoaks District



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#### **Dementia - The Facts**



25% rise in 65+ with dementia by 2020 UK: 850,000 with dementia, rise to over 1 million by 2025 UK: 2020 -35% will be over 50 2029 - 40%

Kent: two thirds with dementia live in their own home

UK: 1 in 5 with dementia

(over 65's)

UK: 40,000 younger people have dementia (under 65's) Kent: 9,100 diagnosed with dementia, 20,000 undiagnosed

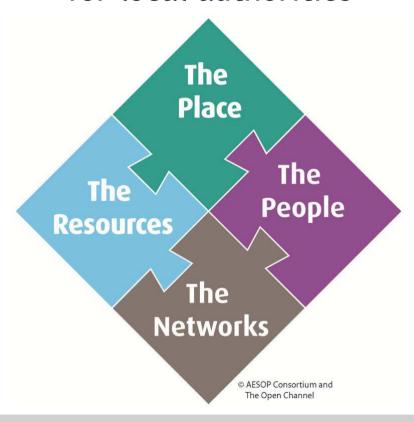
#### **Local Government Association**



5 key areas identified by people with dementia which make a difference:

- Physical Environment
- Local Facilities
- Support Services
- Social Networks
- Local Groups

# 'Four Cornerstones Model' for local authorities

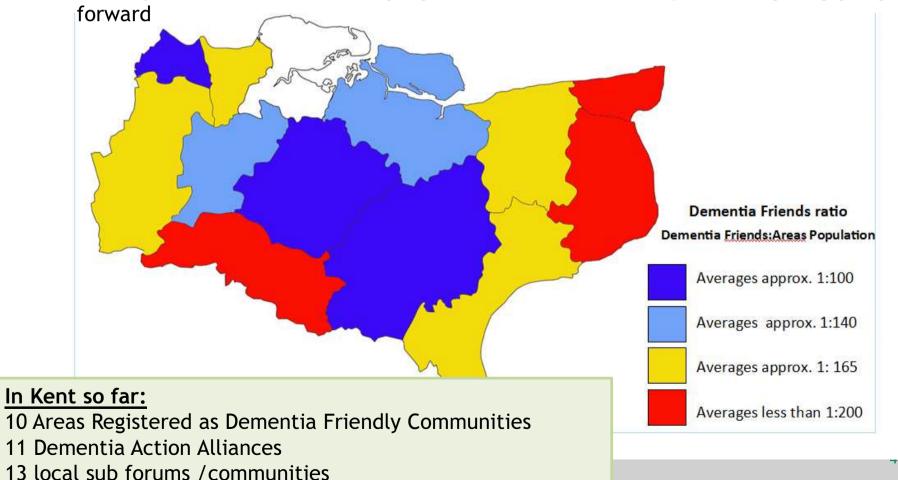


#### **Kent Dementia Friends**



These slides show the numbers of people attending Dementia Friend's sessions in Kent (It does not include those completing online)

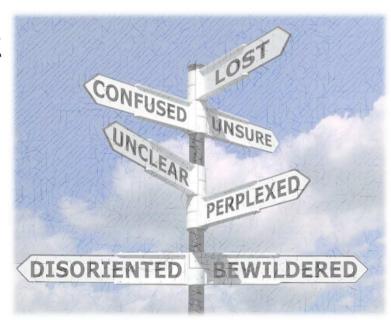
Across Kent we have an approx. ratio of 1 dementia Friend to 135 Residents Below shows a rough estimate for each of our districts, the next slide shows the ratio within postcode areas. Which highlights those areas which may need targeting going



## **Dementia - Difficulties Experienced**



- Problems navigating in complex or confusing environments
- Difficulties in communicating clearly
- Problems remembering what they are doing
- Problems handling money



## Small Changes Make a Big Difference



- Staff awareness training
- Clear internal and external signage
- Quiet space
- Consistent lighting
- Non-gloss and flush flooring
- Adequate seating
- Contrasting colours
- Easy to find facilities (ie toilets, exit etc.)
- Clear walkways



## Work Progressed to date:



#### Since 2014:

- Three Dementia Friendly Forums: Sevenoaks Area, West Kent and Swanley - local partners, residents, carers, support agencies
- Dementia Friendly Campaigns and Events (GP's)
- Delivered two consultative events understanding dementia and local areas
- Community awareness events
- Darent Valley Hospital Dementia Buddy Scheme
- Carer Support Groups (Swanley)
- Six new dementia cafes launched
- Manual workers (Dunbrick Staff)



## Work Progressed to date:



#### Dementia Cafes launched in:

- Edenbridge
- Westerham
- Hartley
- Sevenoaks town
- West Kingsdown
- Swanley

## Forget-me-not Cafés



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## Work Progressed to date:



- Mapping existing dementia services
- Over 220 Council staff and Members trained as Dementia Friends;
- 30 frontline officers trained as Dementia Champions
- Carer's Support Drop-in running at SDC offices (Carer's First)



- Stakeholder Focus Group held dementia suffers, workers and carers on what more SDC can do
- Launch of website www.dementiafriendlykent.org.uk

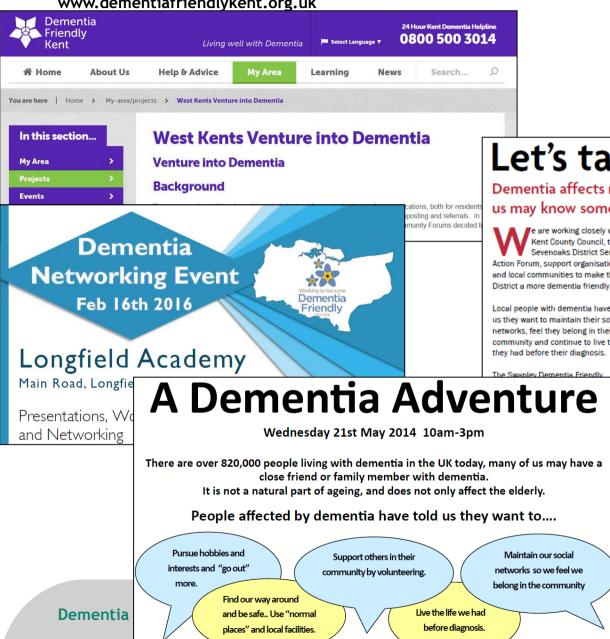
#### **Future Work:**



- Shop Safe ID System launching March 2016
- SDC Dementia Friendly Reception
- Dementia Event 'Coping with Dementia Wed 24
   February, SDC Offices
- More Dementia Friend Training for staff, Members, partners, businesses, taxi drivers and community transport drivers.
- Actions progressed through Dementia Friendly Forums
- Dementia Friendly supported housing schemes
- GP & other Dementia Awareness Workshops/Events
   A dementia friendly community is friendly for all!

## **Events & Campaigns**

www.dementiafriendlykent.org.uk



Lets talk about • Dementia.

Monday 7th July 2014, 11am - 2pm Orchard Academy, St Marys Road, Swanley, BR8 7TE

Understand dementia? Want to learn more?

This event will help you better und people can live well with dementi support available locally.

#### Let's talk about dementia

Dementia affects more than 820,000 people in the UK and many of us may know someone who is affected by this life changing disease.

e are working closely with Kent County Council, the Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum, support organisations and local communities to make the District a more dementia friendly place.

Local people with dementia have told us they want to maintain their social networks, feel they belong in their community and continue to live the life launched earlier this month to engage more people across the District.

Everyone can play a part in supporting people with dementia and their carers. As part of this work, we continue to run 'Dementia Friend' training to help people to understand

dementia and the support available. We are leading the way and we have already trained over 100 of our staff and partners as 'Dementia Friends'. We are also looking at physical changes to our building signage to be more dementia friendly.

If you would like to take part in Dementia Friend training or would like to get involved in Dementia Friendly Communities Forums please call us on 01732 227000 or e-mail healthyliving@sevenoaks.gov.uk

www.alz-dem.org

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If you have any questions or concerns about dementia, you can call the dedicated Kent Dementia Helpline anytime on the freephone number 0800 500 3014 or visit

