

# **Dementia Friendly Organisation/ Company Award**

## **Small Generic services**

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## **Dementia Friendly Organisation/ Company Award (Less than 250 staff)**

**Nomination:**        Abbey Funeral Services Ltd

### **Reason for Nomination:**

Our MD was instrumental in setting up the Tonbridge DFC group. Our company has become, over the last 2 years, a hub for local people requiring information about dementia and local facilities. All of our staff are dementia friends and 6 members of our staff have taken part in the Virtual dementia tour. which we sponsor annually during DAW. We have been awarded our recognition symbol WTBDF for the second year.

We work closely with other businesses in the North High Street area and are happy to mentor any wishing WTBDF. We are at present working, together with our trade association, to become a partner with Alzheimer's society and to encourage our membership of 1000+ funeral homes nationwide to WTBDF.

3 photographs submitted.





## **Dementia Friendly Organisation/ Company Award (Less than 250 staff)**

**Nomination:**            Sheppey FM – Rob Stanbridge

### **Reason for Nomination:**

Sheppey FM staff are all Dementia Friends and are keen to raise the profile of the DFC work taking place locally, they also have a weekly show which is devoted to those living with dementia and want to raise the profile of dementia and reduce the stigma so often attached to it. They often invite professionals/people living with dementia/volunteers and also the students at The Oasis Academy to come onto the radio station and raise awareness of the work they are doing and promote any events taking place. Rob Stanbridge, one of the dj's at Sheppey FM, attends both Sheppey DFC meetings and Sittingbourne meetings as well. He is an excellent support to both these forums and offers the services of Sheppey FM at every opportunity.

Sheppey FM also work closely with Barton Court, a local Residential Care Home, they promote and support any events they hold and the dj's also attend these events, they are all very understanding and have a friendly nature with the residents, some of whom are living with dementia, putting them all at ease. They also have roadshows at the care home and provide entertainment.

All the staff are very kind, friendly and professional and work hard to service their community, not shying away from sensitive subjects, I would like to see the excellent work of Sheppey FM recognised and rewarded.



## **Dementia Friendly Organisation/ Company Award (Less than 250 staff)**

**Nomination:**            National Trust – Knole House

### **Reason for Nomination:**

Knole National Trust has been working towards becoming Dementia Friendly since 2015 with the help and guidance of The Good Care Group's Consultant Admiral Nurse. This inspired, Knole to endeavour and become more accessible, to improve visitor experience and to be valued as a hub for people in Kent living with dementia.

In 2016 two dedicated volunteers from Knole became Dementia Champions and have delivered sessions to an impressive 75% of staff and volunteers at Knole. These dementia awareness sessions are now an essential part of the new volunteer and staff induction programme and have become integral in daily practice across the site. Knole's Dementia Champions are now striving to deliver sessions at other National Trust properties and have recently delivered sessions to staff and volunteers at Chartwell and Ightham Mote as well as people from a variety of different organisations in the local community.

In 2017 we are very proud to be the first National Trust property to host a Dementia Café. Sevenoaks new 'Forget me not Cafe' aims to provide support for those recognising issues with their memory or cognition as well as carers, family and friends in a wonderful heritage environment. In partnership with The Good Care Group, & Home Instead Senior Care, the Sevenoaks' 'Forget-me-not Café' runs on the first Friday of every month in Knole's new learning centre The Hayloft.

Knole aims to provide accessibility to all and has set up a 'Knole Access Team' who consider accessibility and movement everywhere possible across the site with a desire to ensure that everyone is welcome and can enjoy the Knole experience. Knole has also developed accessible sensory tours of both the Gardens and the House to welcome people who may not have been able to engage with the property previously. An access statement is also online for families, carers or those thinking of visiting to enable them to plan their day out at Knole.

Knole has recently been awarded the Dementia Friendly Kent logo and is striving to encourage other National Trust properties to follow in their footsteps.

In partnership with The Good care Group and Home Instead Senior Care, Knole hosted the first Health and Wellbeing day in Dementia Awareness Week. The day part sponsored by the Kent DAA innovation fund, welcomed people living with

Dementia, their families and carers. It provided; carers advice, Tai Chi, massage, laughter therapy and foot healthcare. There was lunch and lots of homemade cake to enjoy; there was no cost to attendees and the day was very successful. We hosted a second Health and Wellbeing day at Knole in September.

As part of our community programmes delivered by Knole, a series of reminiscence sessions have been developed to stimulate conversation and encourage shared memories. We have been visiting local care homes, peer support groups, Dementia Cafe's, Age Uk and Alzheimer community groups to deliver these. A reminiscence loan box is also available for community groups to hire.

5 Photographs submitted.



# Dementia café for Knole House

A Dementia café will be opened in Sowerby to what is understood to be a first for the National Trust.

Called the Forget-Me-Not Café it will run at Knole House on the first Friday of every month, starting from September.

Funding for the café comes from the £1.2m raised at the Run, Walk or Push Against Dementia event at Knole Park in May.

More than 100 participants there of over the district turned out in full force in a rainy morning to take in one of the finest 15th century mansions on the backdrops of the medieval deer park.

Sowerby district chairman Cllr Larry Abraham said: "We've moved the event back to May because of the weather and over the numbers and sponsors we shall see the Sowerby where some of the money is going."

The Forget-Me-Not Café aims to help support people with dementia who are affected by dementia.

For the event Mrs Ran, Walk or Push Against Dementia will be holding the two existing clubs for another year and the



Sowerby district chairman Cllr Larry Abraham presents the cheque for money raised by the Run, Walk or Push Against Dementia



**Dementia Friendly Organisation/ Company Award (Less than 250 staff)**

**Nomination:** Cobtree Manor Golf Club with 'mytimeactive'

**Reason for Nomination:**

Cobtree is working hard to become a dementia friendly club. We host the regular DAA meetings, We have Christmas lunch, Golf Day, Open fun day including foot golf. I have delivered the dementia awareness sessions to over 100 staff within Mytimeactive and its now part of the recruitment.

The staff at Cobtree are all dementia friendly and have had the awareness session. We are about to enter into a new build project where signage will be on the agenda. We are linked with Canterbury Christchurch University for one of the Doctorate students to write a thesis on early onset Dementia and linked to golf. Had a meeting with the Kent Admiral nurse to arrange a monthly meeting at Cobtree for early onset Dementia.

0 Photographs submitted





## Dementia Friendly Organisation Award (Small) Generic

### Score Sheet: Please score each nomination 1-10

The more you like it 😊 The Higher you score it

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Finalist	Your score
Abbey Funeral Services	
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Cobtree Manor Golf Club	

**Please Also fill in the below and return to:**

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Your Name		Your Postal Town	
Do you have a dementia Diagnosis?	Yes / No	Are you a family carer?	Yes / No