

Easy read report about dementia friendly initiatives in Wiltshire

	<p>Healthwatch Wiltshire is here to make sure that local people have a say on health and social care.</p>
<h3>What we did</h3>	
	<p>We produced two surveys</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One for dementia friendly initiatives 2. One for people living with dementia and their carers
	<p>A group of people living with dementia helped us with our survey so that the language used was dementia friendly.</p>
	<p>We visited some community groups and day services. We gave out our surveys and completed them with some people there.</p> <p>We also shared our survey with other organisations we work with.</p>

What did dementia friendly initiatives tell us?



Most dementia friendly initiatives thought that they were working well.



The things they thought that they did well were:

- Improving dementia awareness
- Giving information about dementia and dementia services
- Setting up community groups and social activities



Dementia friendly initiatives told us that they would like support with:

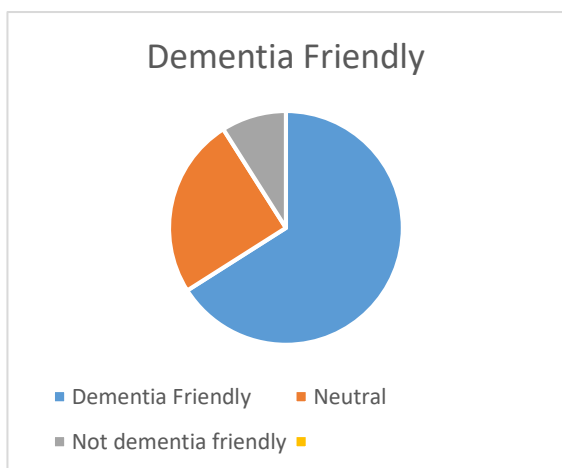
- Posters and advertising
- More information about dementia services



Volunteers support dementia friendly initiatives by:

- Organising and running events
- Supporting community groups
- Providing emotional support
- Giving talks
- Providing transport

What did people living with dementia and their carers tell us?



Most people told us that they thought that their local community was dementia friendly



About three quarters of people we spoke to said that they felt part of their local communities



We were told that the things that were most valued were:

- People having dementia friendly attitudes
- Community groups



People told us that dementia friendly initiatives helped them:

- be more healthy
- get out and about more
- be more active and independent.



They also said that dementia friendly initiatives meant that they could keep up their interests, make new friends, that they felt more confident and happier.



Carers told us that dementia friendly initiatives gave them useful advice and reassurance

What did people think could be improved?



People said that there was still a need for greater dementia awareness.

Some people reported difficult experiences in shops or on public transport which could have been better if the person dealing with them understood more about dementia.

Transport for people in rural areas was something people also thought could be improved so that people could attend groups.

What happened with all the information?



July 2019



We wrote a report and shared it with the Council and NHS Wiltshire, and other organisations involved with dementia work.

We asked them to look carefully at our reports.

What are we going to do next?



We are going to share information with other organisations about what helps people most.



We have made recommendations that organisations work together to maintain and build on the dementia friendly initiatives in Wiltshire.



Our aim is that as many people as possible who live with dementia and their carers are supported by the benefits of dementia friendly initiatives.



