



PINE PATTERN



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Statistics

Every three seconds, someone in the world develops dementia.

(www.alz.co.uk, September 2019)

In total, an estimated **850,000** people in the UK have dementia. There will be over **one million** people with dementia in the UK by 2025.

This will soar to about **two million** by 2051.

(www.alzheimers.org.uk, May 2019)

It is estimated that there over **90,000** people in Scotland with dementia, and that the figure is expected to **double** in just one generation.

(Alzheimer's Scotland, https://www.alzscot.org/campaigning/statistics May 2019)

30 Year Anniversary

In December 2020, EK Dementia Carers reached our 30th Anniversary, having been set up in December 1990 to serve the local community.

It is fair to say that this is not how we envisaged "celebrating" it!

March 2020 saw the outbreak of a worldwide pandemic and some very difficult decisions for our Group... possibly the hardest in our 30 year history.

After much soul searching, we defined our priorities as three-fold: 1. Protect Service Users, Carers and families. 2. Protect Staff, Volunteers and families. 3. Protect the long term future of our Group.

To do that, we took advantage of the Job Support Scheme and placed all staff on Furlough leave (8 staff with a combined service of over 90 years!))

Since then, we have not been idle! We have continuously worked towards the time when it would be deemed safe to resume daycare.

Our Management Committee has continued to consult monthly by e-mail.

We have, on a voluntary basis delivered hand sanitiser and activity books to Service Users and Carers at home.

The Hand Sanitiser was provid-

ed by Jackton Distillery and the Activity Books by Mother Perry's Good Books.

We remained available to assist with shopping and prescription collections on a voluntary basis for those who wanted assistance.

All staff completed intensive online Infection Control training.

Within the daycare centre, we spent £500 to paint the sitting room, dining room, kitchen and office. We then spent a further £250 on hand sanitiser; automatic hand sanitiser and soap dispensers; and a digital thermometer. We also stocked up on the necessary PPE.

We had our full centre deep cleaned from top to bottom by a professional cleaning company.

All carpets; soft furnishings; sofas; hard surfaces including desks, doors and handles; light switches, handrails and banisters; tables etc were sanitised and deep cleaned. An anti COVID19 mist was then sprayed throughout the whole centre and the work fully guaranteed and certificated.

The cleaning was funded by a £1,000 grant from the COVID Contingency Fund which was managed by Older and Active. In East Kilbride.

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In December, staff delivered Gift parcels to Families containing a bottle of RAER whisky, diced beef and a block of lorne sausage, courtesy of the kind hearted people at Jackton Distillery. We then made another round of visits delivering Christmas presents to Service Users.

As of February 2021, all staff

have had their first COVID-19 vaccination as we plan ahead to when we will be able to resume services.

It has been an unprecedented time for all, but we firmly believe that the actions we have taken have achieved our three primary aims and put us in a strong position for when we are able to resume services.

Xmas Raffle

With all fundraising events cancelled due to the pandemic, we did an online Christmas Raffle this year.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and helped promote the raffle.

You helped us raise an incredible £3,142.50



Volunteer opportunities:

- **Committee Members**
- **Fundraisers**

We'd love to hear from you!

Committee

In August 2020, after over six years faithful service, Vice-Chair Christine Montgomery retired from our Management Committee. In January, after 10 years with our Group, Denise McTernan resigned from the Committee as she set off for pastures anew. We wish both ladies the very best for the future and thank them for their invaluable service. They are both missed.

Retirement

In December 2020, after sixteen and a half years with us, Careworker Beth McAteer retired. We wish her well.

Can you help?

If you would consider supporting us by standing order, making a one-off donation, or organising an event, we would love to hear from you.

We need to fundraise over £50,000 this year to carry on providing a service.

EK Marathon

At the start of the pandemic and faced with so much uncertainty, one young man stepped up to the plate and ran a marathon, in which he raised almost £10,000. Take a bow Kris McSherry of Funktional Fitness Training. This was the biggest single fundraiser in our 30-year history!

CO-OP Community Fund

Join the Co-op for just £1 and 2p in every £1 spent can go to your nominated charity! US?

Check us out on the web

www.dementiacarers.co.uk

Charity no: SC018844

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