

Community Partnerships

Supporting and working with community groups and clubs to promote a deeper understanding of local health and care needs and experiences

Spotlight on



Tapestry Day Club

Tapestry Day Club was founded five years ago, to help people with dementia in Surrey and West Sussex live well and independently for as long as possible, by banishing social isolation, a known factor in the progress of the illness.

Tapestry Day Club have clubs running across Horsham District and in other areas of West Sussex.

They do this by enabling day care within the comfort of the family homes of Tapestry Day Club's hosts, who provide transport, a home-cooked, two-course lunch and optional memory-boosting entertainment for up to three times each week, allowing friendships to flourish. This also gives carers - usually partners or other family members - invaluable and much needed respite time.

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Innovative dementia day care Tapestry Day Club achieves Charitable Status, read more [here](#).

This transformational milestone will allow Tapestry Day Club to provide affordable care for many more people living with early-stage dementia and in social isolation, including those with modest means. As charitable status will increase the organisation's ability to provide high-quality support and give carers – usually family members – with much needed respite time.

Co-founder Anderley Wade said: *"We will be able to keep our costs down and expand our services to those who need it most. The transition became necessary after we surpassed the VAT threshold last year. We initially absorbed this, but it was unsustainable longer-term. It will simplify fundraising efforts, too, granting us Gift Aid tax relief, which allows us to reclaim an extra 25% on every donation."*

The migration from a community interest company (CIC) to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) was a lengthy, complex process requiring extensive paperwork, legal assistance and the recruitment of three trustees.

Their chair of trustees is health and social care expert Rosemary Pavoni, who has nearly 60 years of experience in this field. She ran a care home in Horsham for more than 20 years and now advises, supports and lobbies the Government on behalf of people needing social care.

Rosemary said *"I believe passionately in ensuring that people receive the best care possible, especially those with dementia, which is why I am delighted to be chair of Tapestry Day Club."*

Co-founder Clare Jones announced more news: *"In recognition of our new status, we have launched a brand-new website, which allows us to accept donations and work in greater collaboration with donors and funders. No donation is too small, and every penny counts towards helping others financially less able to access this valuable support. We look forward to making a significant impact in our community and helping older people live independently for as long as possible."*

For help, advice, and information or to share your story

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