

## A SURVEY ON DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 2022

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), alongside our partners at The University of Plymouth, Faculty of Health and Dementia-Friendly Parishes believe that local (parish and town) councils are ideally placed as the central point of communities to improve the quality of life of their community.

There is a mounting body of research that outlines the prevalence of dementia in our society and the effects that this can have on any individual; such as isolation and loneliness. This, in addition to the reduction of health services in rural communities, will be the largest health problem that our country faces. Dementia-Friendly Communities, as set up by local councils, can ensure that people living with dementia can live well in their community. And guarantee that people living with dementia have access to an active lifestyle in their community.

In 2020, NALC launched a survey to identify the work that local councils are already doing to assist those most vulnerable in their communities and gain insight into potential barriers to this progress. Following this, NALC published the 'Dementia-Friendly Communities' guide which demonstrates the positive impact of building Dementia-Friendly Communities and provides our local councils with the tools to help them build their own.

This short follow up survey is designed to gather feedback on the usage and effectiveness of this publication. All responses will be used to further support our local councils in ensuring that people living with dementia and their families continue to be included in all aspects of community life.

Please complete this survey by **23:45** on **22 July 2022**.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with NALC at [policycomms@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:policycomms@nalc.gov.uk).

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### Question Title

\* 1. Name of your local (parish and town) council?

### Question Title

\* 2. Contact details

Name \*

Address

Address 2

City/Town

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address \*

Phone Number

**Question Title**

\* 3. Would you be happy for us to contact you?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

4. County association area:

**Question Title**

5. Is your local council Dementia-Friendly?

“A city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported, and confident they can contribute to community life. In a dementia-friendly community, people will be aware of and understand dementia, and people with dementia will feel included and involved, and have choice and control over their day-to-day lives”. -The Alzheimer's Society

Yes

No

**Question Title**

6. Did you use the Dementia-Friendly Communities guide?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

7. If yes, did you find the guide helpful?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

8. Did your council formally adopt a proposal and plan to work towards becoming a Dementia-Friendly Council?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

9. If yes, did your council identify a councillor responsible for the promotion of the DementiaFriendly Community approach?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

10. Do you work with any Dementia-Friendly organisations?

Yes

No

**Question Title**

11. If yes, who do you work with?

**Question Title**

12. Has your council implemented any other actions from the guide's action planning checklist?

Identify and put in place technology and training to increase the flexibility and connectivity to your community.

Ensure all public buildings are Dementia-Friendly

Ensure that responses to planning applications demonstrate an awareness of dementia where appropriate.

Engage with local organisations, businesses and schools to promote an inclusive Dementia-Friendly Community

Conduct an audit of current Dementia-Friendly activities in the area would identify gaps to promote awareness

- Setting up a Dementia-Friendly council working group
- Promoting the Alzheimer's Dementia Friends programme
- Other (please specify)

**Question Title**

13. What is preventing your local council from becoming Dementia-Friendly?

**Question Title**

14. Thank you from all of us at NALC and the University of Plymouth for completing this survey. Feel free to leave any further comments below.