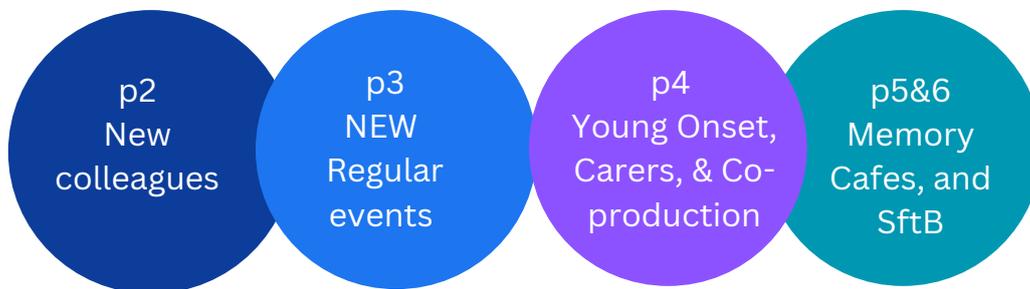


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Derbyshire Dementia Information & Advice Service



Derbyshire Information and Advice Service offers a range of support to anyone affected by dementia, including carers - you don't have to wait for an official diagnosis, we can support from the time you are worried about your or a loved one's memory.

In addition to 1:1 tailored information from our local Dementia Advisers, we hold regular online carer information sessions, a separate online forum for Young Onset Dementia, have co-production meetings, and we deliver Memory Cafes and Singing for the Brain sessions in venues across Derbyshire.

Visit our website dementiaderbyshire.org.uk from time to time to see our latest information.

Contact us:

01332 208845 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm except bank holidays)

OR email: derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk

Welcome.....

We're very happy to welcome Sammi to the Derbyshire team

Sammi says:

"I'm so happy to join the Alzheimer's Society team in Derbyshire as a Dementia Adviser. Having personally supported and cared for a loved one with dementia, and having been a dementia community home carer, I understand the importance of crucial advice and support. I'm eager to assist individuals as they navigate the challenges of dementia."



Sammi Dwyer
Dementia Adviser

New Service Manager

We're very happy to welcome Vicki to the Derbyshire team

Vicki says

"I am delighted and excited to be joining the Alzheimer's Society as Local Services Manager.

I bring over 10 years of experience working in Adult Social Care and Safeguarding, and I'm passionate about ensuring high-quality dementia care and support for individuals, families, and carers.

My personal experience supporting my mother through her dementia journey has deepened my commitment to this work. The Alzheimer's Society was a vital source of support for me and my family, and I'm determined to help ensure its great work continues.

Outside of work, it's been a busy and exciting year – I got married to my husband Tim and we're currently in the process of moving house!

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you out in the community soon."



Vicki Baker
Local Service Manager

To keep up-to-date with new groups and 'one-off' events, visit our local website
dementiaderbyshire.org

As well as delivering 1:1 support over the phone and at home visits, we are out and about in the community...

You are welcome to come and speak to us at:

Location	Date & time	Event	What to expect	Useful to know
Erewash Midway Day Service, Ilkeston Resource Centre	Thursday 13 November 1:30pm-3:30pm	Dementia Hub (no need to book)	'Support and advice services all in one place'	Tel: 01332 866980 opt.1
High Peak Blythe House Hospice, Chapel-en-le-Frith	2nd Monday of month 1:30pm – 3:30pm ('drop in') 10 Nov 8 Dec	Carers Drop In (no need to book)	Hosted by Blythe House, an opportunity to talk with representatives from local organisations	If you're struggling to arrange care so you can attend, please phone 01298 875 080
South Derbyshire Wellbrook Medical Centre, Welland Road, Hilton, DE65 5GZ	2nd Tuesday of month 1:30pm-3:30pm ('drop in')	Drop in, for people with symptoms of dementia and/or their carers	An opportunity to ask questions or have a friendly chat with a Dementia Adviser	For more information, please call Alice on 07545 094968
South Derbyshire Melbourne Library, Assembly Rooms, High Street Melbourne DE73 8GF	3rd Monday of month 2pm-4pm ('drop-in')	Drop in, for people with symptoms of dementia and/or their carers	An opportunity to ask questions or have a friendly chat with Dementia Adviser	For more information, please call Alice on 07545 094968

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Young Onset Dementia Forum – ONLINE ONLY

Our Young Onset Dementia session is an informal but informative session developed for people living with dementia under the age of 65. Each session is an opportunity to share information and advice and is an opportunity to talk to other people all over the county. These sessions are run from 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Who can attend: People affected by Young Onset dementia

Delivered by: Young Onset Dementia Adviser

Carers Engagement – ONLINE ONLY

Our online carers engagement session is a informative session developed for carers of people with dementia. Each session is dedicated to a specific topic where information and advice is shared followed by an opportunity for open discussion between carers in a safe and informal environment. These sessions are run in the evening on the first Thursday of each month.

Who can attend: Carers for people with a dementia diagnosis & those awaiting a diagnosis.

Delivered by: This session is co-produced with Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Trust and so a representative from the NHS will be on hand alongside our Group Facilitator.

Co-production groups – MIXTURE OF FACE TO FACE & ONLINE

Derbyshire Dementia Information and Advice Service co-production group is co-produced alongside other local statutory and non-statutory organisations, for example Derbyshire County Council. People with lived experience of dementia can attend the group to take part in discussions and have their voices heard, which in turn will help shape the future dementia services in Derbyshire.

Who can attend: Derbyshire residents with lived experience of dementia

Delivered by: Co-production leads, including a team member from Derbyshire Dementia Information and Advice Service

Meetings schedule for the remainder of 2025:

28 November 1.00-3.00pm focus: to be agreed

To request more information about the meetings, please phone us on the number below

*For all our groups it is important that you book a place, so if you are interested please contact us on **01332 208845** (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm except bank holidays)*

Due to limited places, access to face-to-face groups is on a pre-booked basis only

If you are eligible and would like to attend one of our groups please contact us on 01332 208845

Please note that the groups alternate monthly between a Singing for the Brain session & a Memory Cafe session (i.e. one month its Singing for the Brain and then next month Memory Cafe)

JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER

Area	Group	Day & Time	Place
Online	Carers Information Sessions	1st Thursday 5:30pm-7pm	Contact 01332 208845 OR derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk
Online	Young Onset Dementia forum	1st Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm	Contact 01332 208845 OR derbyshire@alzheimers.org.uk
Amber Valley	Alfreton Singing for the brain	3rd Wednesday 10.30 – 12noon	Alfreton Town FC, North Street, Alfreton, DE557FZ
Bolsover	Bolsover Singing for the Brain	2nd Monday 11am-12.30	Bainbridge Hall Community Centre, Chapel Road, Bolsover S44 6PX
Chesterfield	Chesterfield - Memory Café & Activity Group	4th Friday 10:00-11:30am	Chesterfield Fire Station, Spire Walk Business Park, Braidwood Way, S40 2WH
Derbyshire Dales	Matlock Singing for the Brain	1st Tuesday 11:00-12:30	Imperial Rooms, Imperial Road, Matlock DE4 3NL
Erewash	Ilkeston Singing for the Brain	1st Friday 11am to 12.30pm	Ilkeston Fire Station, Derby Road, Ilkeston, DE7 5EZ
Erewash	Long Eaton Memory Cafe & Activity Group	3rd Tuesday 10:00-11:30am	Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD
North East Derbyshire	Clay Cross Memory Cafe & Activity Group	4th Monday 1:30-3:00pm	Clay Cross Social Care Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross S45 9JE
North East Derbyshire	Dronfield Singing for the Brain	3rd Thursday 11am-12:30	Dronfield Hall Barn, High Street, Dronfield S18 1PX
South Derbyshire	Melbourne Singing for the Brain	1st Monday 11am to 12.30	Melbourne Sports Park, Cockshut Lane, Melbourne, DE73 8DG
South Derbyshire	Swadlincote Memory Café & Activity Group	4th Wednesday 10am to 11.30am	Oakland Village, Hall Farm Road Swadlincote DE11 8ND

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FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, DECEMBER

·Please note the following groups will be subject to change or are cancelled

(Christmas Eve) Wednesday December 24th – Swadlincote (TBA)

(Boxing Day) Friday December 26th – Chesterfield (TBA)

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