



Hello everyone,

## Happy New Year

The New Year is traditionally the time when we review the last year's achievements, and we look forward to what we hope to achieve over the coming twelve months. I am very pleased to be able to say that The Debenham Project has continued to be an example to other communities in providing support to many local families having to cope with the impact of dementia on their lives - each year, the numbers increase. When I look back I see how the project has further developed in areas such as Debenham-On-Call, the Carers Co-op, and helping people with transport, and at the same time has received increasing recognition at county, regional, national, and ministerial levels for its innovative work - I receive many requests to "tell our story" – too many to be able to agree to them all. Always the message is that with goodwill and effort it is amazing what a difference can be made. I am confident that with all your help 2014 will prove to be just as successful.

I am always touched by the number of unsolicited donations we receive. Broadly, in order to keep the project running, we need to raise between £8,000 and £9,000 each year. We are so grateful for these private donations, and in the coming years we will come to depend more and more upon them as regular funding from the local authorities and similar sources becomes increasingly scarce. This month I would like to especially thank the person who anonymously pushed an envelope containing £25 in cash through my door, and the congregation of The Forge Church for their very generous donation of £200.

Do remember that we have a wheelchair that is available for loan on a short term basis – enabling someone who is housebound to join with you for a "walk" now and again can make their day something to look forward to.

On behalf of the Trustees I want to say "Thank You" for all your support, and to wish everyone all the best for the coming year.

Lynden

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