



Hello everyone,

Some time ago Rosie Voller nominated The Debenham Project for an award given each day by the Prime Minister recognising the contributions that volunteers are making in the community. I was delighted to hear that I had been given the Prime Minister's "Point of Light" award for the 21st October and was congratulated in a personal letter from David Cameron. Thank you so much for all your help in achieving this - as I said in my letter of thanks to the Prime Minister:

" It has been my privilege to be a part of The Debenham Project and to experience, not only, the genuine and unconditional care and support given to local families who are living with dementia by our volunteers, but also the tremendous goodwill and support provided to the project by our local politicians, the local authorities, the NHS, the established charities and many others in the community. This is also their award."

However, like London buses, another award for the project came along at the same time. This was an "Inspiring Age Award 2014" from Age UK Suffolk in recognition of our contribution to the community. Whilst I know we don't seek praise for what we do, nonetheless it is great to know that our efforts are held up as an example of what can be achieved.

I also want to thank the family and friends of Ken Dunnett, who recently passed away, for their very generous donations to the Project made in his memory. Ken was a very well-known pioneer in developing support for family carers and although he was not directly involved with the project, he held it in the highest regard.

Finally, before Christmas comes Advent, and Patrick has suggested that the church be used to inform local people and visitors about the various local charities and community activities in Debenham. This will be in the form of information displays and "Charitrees". So, look out for The Debenham Project from the 30th of November through to Christmas week.

Please remember that you can donate your Co-op "divvy" to the project simply by asking for it to be given to The Debenham Project – Number **609313**.

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