

The Debenham Project

(Dementia - Caring for the Carers)

Our project to support carers advances apace with continuing work to set up the initial services and activities that were mentioned in last month's magazine. Our mission is:

To provide practical and emotional support to all those in and around Debenham who care for someone with Dementia. To provide a range of volunteer based services as well as enabling ready access to professional and charitable support, and quality information and advice.

From our research we can now estimate that the number of people with Dementia who are resident within a radius of 3 miles of Debenham is about 70 and this number is likely to increase to more than 150 in the next 25 years. We know that for the close relatives and friends who provide most of the care it is a constant, emotional and very stressful occupation. We want to make sure that whatever can be done to help and support them will be done, through our own voluntary efforts, by encouraging and drawing in services from charitable agencies, and by working with the social services and the NHS.

Advance Notice: There will be a Public Launch of The Debenham Project at the beginning of October when our initial services have been developed. Everyone will be welcome to come and hear all about it. For further information contact Lynden Jackson on 01728 860348 or l.jackson225@btinternet.com