



Hello everyone,

Health, Social and Well-Being Care in Debenham

You have talked to us and we have listened. We have also quizzed the NHS, Social Services, Public health, and other organisations that provide the health, social care and well-being services to our community. The report of our research study conducted by The University of Suffolk into the cost and provision of care for the elderly in our community is now available.

Just before Covid arrived on our doorsteps The Debenham Project with the support of the Parish Council commissioned, and collaborated with the University of Suffolk to carry out an initial research study exploring the availability, provision and quality of Health, Social, and Well-Being Care in Debenham. We felt that it is important that our local community should have a very clear understanding of the provision and costs of the health, social and well-being care for our older residents. Despite the impact of the pandemic we have been able complete the study and publish the results of their work. I hope you will find the contents interesting and food for thought. As the annual the cost to Debenham and the surrounding area is well in excess of £16M (£1,800 per resident) it would seem appropriate that, as a community, we should seek to have a say in the future development of these services in the future. When you have had the chance to look at the report please do let me have any comments and suggestions you may have. The report can be found by visiting our website and following the link in the “Headlines” on our Home page.

A New Horizon

It is an absolute fact that we are all getting older and that quite a few of us are having to accept that we need to think about a time when we will not be able to do as much, or even have to “retire”, and must yield to a younger generation. I know that all those amazing people who, over the past 13 years, conceived, launched, supported, and made The Debenham Project a treasured friend to so many families in and around Debenham living with the impact of dementia on their lives, are reluctant to think of themselves of special - But they are! However, if their achievements are to continue and to be built upon over the next decade and beyond we will need to hand over the reins to a new leadership. And so we are looking for some fresh faces who are passionate about caring and helping to make a difference. Of course we always welcome new volunteers but, especially, we are seeking those who would like to take the lead in organising a group or activity, or service. For more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, although The Debenham Project is primarily focused upon supporting carers and those they care for with dementia, we welcome anyone who may be elderly and/or frail and who could also benefit from any of the services we offer.

With all my best wishes,

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