

## National Dementia Declaration Action Plan

### Information about you and your organisation

The organisation listed below agrees to sign up to the Declaration and commits to delivering it through the actions listed below: Please tick [✓]

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Are you willing for us to share your contact details with fellow Dementia Action Alliance members: Yes [✓] No [ ]

#### Organisation name

St Andrew's Church, Ombersley, Worcestershire

#### Organisation summary (max 150 words)

St Andrew's Church is the parish church for the village of Ombersley. This is a rural community, and the population of the village and surrounding hamlets is about 2200. The parish is a part of a group of seven parishes in west Worcestershire, and they are collectively looked after by a single Priest-in-Charge.

#### Please select your region(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National        | <input type="checkbox"/> London     | <input type="checkbox"/> South East               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East of England | <input type="checkbox"/> North East | <input type="checkbox"/> South West               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Midlands   | <input type="checkbox"/> North West | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Midlands |
|  |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yorkshire and Humber     |

#### Area covered

Please make clear what area your organisation operates in. At the moment this is on the basis of local authority boundaries. For example an organisation may say they work in Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull and Walsall; another may say Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. If you are not sure, be as descriptive as possible.

Wychavon District Council

**Select your organisation type:**

Commercial

Public Sector

Third Sector

**1. The National Dementia Declaration lists seven outcomes that the DAA are seeking to achieve for people with dementia and their carers:**

- I have personal choice and control or influence over decisions about me
- I know that services are designed around me and my needs
- I have support that helps me live my life
- I have the knowledge and know-how to get what I need
- I live in an enabling and supportive environment where I feel valued and understood
- I have a sense of belonging and of being a valued part of family, community and civic life
- I know there is research going on which delivers a better life for me now and hope for the future

**How would you describe your organisation's role in delivering better outcomes for people with dementia and their carers? (200 words)**

St Andrew's Church is a key organisation within the village community. As well as a centre for worship it provides a point of social contact for many people living in the area. The age profile of church members suggests that people living with dementia might feel comfortable amongst the congregation. It is also probable that the church membership contains a higher proportion of people affected by dementia than the village population in general.

The church is also used as a public venue for concerts, talks, festivals and school events; the surroundings would be familiar to older people living in Ombersley.

**2. What are the challenges to delivering these outcomes from the perspective of your organisation?**

Your response could include your employees understanding of dementia, time and resource constraints on your organisation Etc. (150 words)

**The main challenges are:**

- A lack of information and church members' understanding of dementia, and how to communicate with people affected by it.
- Restrictions on making any significant changes to the historic interior.

## Completing your Action Plan

Please provide 3 – 7 actions

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### 1. Action Title

This is a short sentence summarising the Action (max 25 words)

Create a dementia friendly (physical) environment in the church.

### Action Description

This is where you go into more detail about the Action.

We will carry out an audit of church signage and environment, ideally involving people living with dementia and their friends for input and help. We will use checklists from the Alzheimer's Society as a starting point.

### 2. Action Title

This is a short sentence summarising the Action (max 25 words)

Use the church building as a resource for training and education.

### Action Description

This is where you go into more detail about the Action.

We will use the church as a venue for Alzheimer's Society "Dementia Friends" teach-ins, and in so doing will encourage church members to become Dementia Friends.

### 3. Action Title

This is a short sentence summarising the Action (max 25 words)

Use church services as a vehicle for education.

### Action Description

This is where you go into more detail about the Action.

We will invite representatives of the Alzheimer's Society to give talks in non-Eucharistic services. St Andrew's has an established tradition of lay people giving talks and presentations on all manner of community related topics at informal services.

**4. Action Title**

This is a short sentence summarising the Action (max 25 words)

**Arrange church services to be familiar and enjoyable for people living with dementia.**

**Action Description**

This is where you go into more detail about the Action.

**We will arrange occasional but regular services of the “Songs of Praise” type with traditional hymns, music and prayers which will be very familiar to long-standing members of the congregation, and be something that they are comfortable with. We will possibly combine with other churches in our group of parishes for this.**

**5. Action Title**

This is a short sentence summarising the Action (max 25 words)

**Use the church web site as a vehicle for information.**

**Action Description**

This is where you go into more detail about the Action.

**We will incorporate pages into the St Andrew’s web site containing information on dementia related material, and links to other relevant sites with this information (including this plan).**

(To include further actions please continue on a separate sheet).

**Please return the completed form to:**

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