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JULY & AUGUST IN REVIEW:



Both the 'Young Friends Together' and 'Friends Together' groups at Silver Link have continued to make brilliant progress with their outdoor spaces. These two small spaces are slowly being transformed into accessible, dementia friendly, colourful and calming gardens!



On Friday 14th August Royal Voluntary Service held a Party in the Park for members of their various Dementia Support groups. Around 50 members and carers attended, and enjoyed picnics as well as an afternoon of Move it or Lose it sessions, a sing song, a music quiz, a sports day and a raffle! The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful afternoon! This event was organised in partnership with Cusworth Hall who kindly offered the area for free, and were fully supportive of the event!



Our Keep in Mind / Club Doncaster Foundation Walk and Talk sessions continue to run every Tuesday at the Eco-Power Stadium, and every Wednesday at Askern Lake. These dementia-friendly sessions offer a chance to socialise, exercise and have some fun! For further information contact the Keep in Mind Service on 01302 812813.



On Friday the 21st August the Dementia Garden was opened at Cantley Community Centre. This was sponsored by the Doncaster Dementia Fundraisers, and is a lovely addition to the site where Alzheimer's Society hold two of their monthly Dementia Music Cafe's.



The seaside was brought to Silver Link for seaside day 2026! Everyone had a lovely chat about their favourite summer memories, there were a range of seaside styled games and activities, and of course a chippy lunch!





Alzheimer's Society volunteers / Doncaster Dementia Fundraisers held a Forget me Knot afternoon tea on the 30th August! This was a wonderful day for everyone to come together and have a sing and a dance, one couple even celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary!

Alzheimer's Society hold dementia cafe's each month in Cantley, Thorne, Conisbrough and Armthorpe- to find out more contact the Keep in Mind service on 01302 812813!

UPCOMING EVENTS: September



Doncaster Rovers vs Plymouth Argyle

Saturday 5th September 2026

This match will take part during World Alzheimers Month, and to celebrate Doncaster Rovers will be promoting their Remembering Rovers project and one of their partners the Keep in Mind Service.

Remembering Rovers:

Remembering Rovers is a heartfelt project which creates a safe, welcoming and dementia-inclusive matchday experience at Doncaster Rovers home games. Supporters living with dementia are able to enjoy the match from an area designed to promote comfort, orientation and wellbeing.

Remembering Rovers is all about cherishing memories, community spirit, and making sure the joy of matchday remains open to all.

Keep in Mind:

The Keep in Mind service, lead by Age UK Doncaster, offers social support to people living with dementia and their carers in Doncaster. The service offers access to a range of activities, groups and sessions delivered by a range of organisations: Club Doncaster Foundation, Alzheimer's Society, Crossroads Care, darts, and Royal Voluntary Service. The service also offers an allocated Dementia Pathway Coordinator to each client, keeping in touch and making any referrals needed whether internal or external to the service.



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UPCOMING EVENTS: October

Silver Link Open Day

Tuesday 6th October

Join us for an open day at our Silver Link Centre to celebrate Silver Sunday 2026!



The day will involve a variety of activities for you to get involved in, and a chance to find out about the range of services provided through Age UK Doncaster whilst meeting our wonderful Silver Link team!



Tuesday 6th October 2026 10am - 2pm



Silver Link Centre, Bennethorpe, DN2 6AA



Completely FREE to attend, no need to book



Refreshments available throughout

USEFUL LINKS:

[Dementia Directory 2026](#)



This document is full of useful information about support services and groups for people living with dementia in Doncaster, as well as their carers, families and friends.



[Your Life Doncaster- Dementia](#)

This page is full of information about Dementia. This includes signs/ symptoms, ways to minimise risk, information on making advance decisions, diagnosis as well as the support available for those living with dementia and their carers.



[Age UK Doncaster website](#)



[Jackson Hope Foundation Timetable](#)

Here you can find all of the dates and time's for different Jackson Hope Foundation groups throughout Doncaster.



[Citizens Advice:](#)

Citizen's advice offer a wealth of different support including help with benefits, debt, money and much more.



[Be Well Doncaster Facebook Page](#)



[Alzheimer's Society Factsheets and Publications](#)

This page has a wide range of resources that you may find useful.



[Updated WOW Guide for 2025-26](#)



More information on the Remembering Rovers project, including the referral form for a space at a match!

GET INVOLVED IN CURRENT RESEARCH:

Would you like to take part in a research project and share your thoughts and experiences?

Joanna Malone at the University of York is looking to chat to people in Doncaster as part of a research project by the end of October 2026. She is interested in understanding what 'living well' and 'flourishing' looks like in later life. She is also interested in understanding what 'dying well' means for people too. If you are aged 65 and over, identify as non-religious (or are not traditionally religious e.g. spiritual) and you think you'd be interested in taking part, please contact Joanna. Taking part is completely voluntary.

Joanna is happy to answer any questions and give you more details about the project.

You can also look at her website for more information.



Are you 65+ and identify as non-religious?

I'm Interested in hearing your experiences!

If you think you would be interested in taking part in a research project to talk about your experiences, please get in touch with Dr Joanna Malone (University of York) for more details.

Scan the QR code to get more information or call Joanna on 01904 325698 or email at Joanna.Malone@york.ac.uk



www.sites.google.com/york.ac.uk/living-and-dying-well-project



KEEP IN MIND - PARTNER SESSIONS:

If you are interested in attending any of the following, please get in touch with the Keep in Mind Team at Age UK Doncaster.

Phone: 01302 812813

Email: keepinmind@ageukdoncaster.org.uk

Alzheimer's Society:

- Thorne Dementia Café. First Monday of the month. 11am-1pm.
- Cantley Music Café. First Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm.
- Singing for the Brain. Third Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm.
- Conisbrough Music Café. Fourth Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm.
- Doncaster Dementia Support Group. Second Friday of the month. 11am-1pm.

Club Doncaster Foundation:

- Doncaster Lakeside. Chair based exercise, walk, bingo and more. Every Tuesday 11am-2pm.
- Askern Lakeside. Walk and bingo. Every Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Crossroads Care:

- Crossroads Dunsville. Every Tuesday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads at the Silver Link Centre. Every Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads Denaby. Every Thursday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads Scawsby. Every Friday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.

darts:

- Singing for Memory. Every Monday. 2pm-3:30pm.

Royal Voluntary Service:

- Dementia Support Balby. Every Tuesday. 10am-12pm.
- Dementia Support Stainforth. Every Wednesday. 1pm-3pm.
- Dementia Support Bentley. Every Thursday. 10am-12pm. 1pm-3pm. FULL, waiting list in place.
- Dementia Support Rossington. Every Friday. 1pm-3pm.

DONCASTER DEMENTIA COLLABORATIVE

Celebrating 5 years of
the Dementia
Collaborative!

Come and join us to
influence the dementia
services in Doncaster!

Our next meeting:
24th September 2026

10:30am - 12:00pm.
Wheatley Golf Club,
Armthorpe, DN25QB



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Ageing Well Network!

Are you over 50 and want to shape how we age well in Doncaster?

We'd like your help to create an Ageing Well Network – a group where adults aged 50+ can come together, share their ideas and talk about the issues that matter most to them.

The network will give older adults a voice. It will be a place to listen, learn from each other and work with local organisations and decision makers to make real changes.

By working side by side, we can create something meaningful, impactful and long lasting. A place where older adults feel heard, respected and valued.

The next few Ageing Well Network meetings will be held at Danum Library, on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th August, Wednesday 23rd September, Tuesday 27th October, Wednesday 25th November and Wednesday 9th December.

To find out more, visit [Ageing Well Network - YourLifeDoncaster](#)

If possible, please email: Nikki.greenfield@doncaster.gov.uk if you would like to attend.



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