

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	27 th September 2022
Report Title	Memory Cafe
Agenda Reference	6
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Memory Café Co Ordinator's Recommendations:

1. To note report.

Background/ Project Update

On the 31st of August 2022 the Memory Café had its very first trip to the Richard Jefferies Museum at Coate Water. Eight attendees and volunteers from the café enjoyed a fantastic few hours, having a tour of the house which was very engaging and informative. Then there was a stop off for tea and cakes in the tea room, followed by a walk around the gardens, the orchard and community allotments.

On 5th September 2022 the Memory Café Co Ordinator, along with the Community Development Officer and Councillor Ellen Baker Lee were happy to accept the invitation to the Orchid Care Home in Haydon End to meet their newest residents - Thor, Bourbon and Domino the pygmy goats. The pygmy goats were donated to the care home by a resident's children. Pygmy goats offer companionship and stimulation to the residents and also love a rich tea biscuit.

Wiltshire Community First Award Nomination

The Memory Café Co Ordinator and Volunteers are really excited to have received the news recently that the Memory Café has been shortlisted for a Wiltshire Community First AGM award in the category "Most innovative community run project or service within Wiltshire". The award ceremony will be held on 12th October 2022 in Devizes.

Hire of the Mobi Table

The Memory Café Co Ordinator is still promoting the Mobi Table. There has been one booking waiting to be confirmed for a regular weekly slot to a Highworth café.

Working Towards

- The Memory Café will have a visit from a local solicitor on the 12th of October, talking about Power of Attorney, with information on changes in the law and will answer any questions or concerns people may have.
- On 12th October the Dinky Shetland Ponies will be visiting the Memory Café, where attendees can groom the ponies and spend time with them outside the Council Offices.
- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust are visiting the Memory Café on the 23rd of November, to bring their knowledge of the latest treatments and changes in Dementia and Alzheimer's.
- The Christmas events are currently in the planning stages for the Memory Café.



- The Memory Café Co Ordinator has been asked by some residents to hold another Fish and Chip Friday, this will be arranged within the next few months.

Recent Memories from the Memory Café



Thor, Bourbon and Domino at Orchid Care Home



Richard Jefferies Museum Trip