

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	1 st November 2022
Report Title	Memory Café
Agenda Reference	6a
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Memory Café Co Ordinator's Recommendations

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To note alternative (bigger) locations for the Café are being investigated.

Community First Award

We had the fantastic news this month that the Memory Café won a Community First Award for most Innovative Community Led Project in Wiltshire. The Chief Officer/Clerk to Council and the Memory Café Co Ordinator, along with two of the regular Memory Café volunteers, attended the awards ceremony at Devizes Town Hall on Wednesday 12th October 2022 and were presented with a framed certificate and an engraved silver cup.



In October, the Café celebrated its first birthday with a delicious cake (made by our very talented Youth & Community Officer) and a very exciting visit from two Dinky Ponies. The Dinky Ponies are Shetland ponies used as equine therapy animals. Everyone absolutely loved the ponies, stroking, grooming, and spending time with them. They brought back memories of holidays, horse riding and one of the residents spoke about how he used to work as a stable boy.





Lin Jefferies held her monthly seated exercise class, this is always well received, and gets everyone joining in and smiling.



Memory Café at capacity

The Memory Café has been running at full capacity for a few months as such we are looking at potential locations to hold future Memory Cafés. The detail of this will be explored in Agenda Item 6b.

Working Towards

- Another Fish and Chip Friday in December. This event has been such a success and residents are asking for this to be a regular event.
- A Memory Café and over sixties Christmas Meals at the Manor Farm.
- The special Christmas Memory Café (14th December) with a floristry activity, Haydonleigh School choir and Father Christmas will be visiting.