

**Alzheimer's Society services,
referrals &**

**Essex Inclusive Dementia
Communities**

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Who we are

Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity. We give vital support to those who need it, fund groundbreaking research, and campaign to improve experiences. It will take a society to beat dementia.

What we do



Support

We support anyone affected by dementia



Research

We fund ground-breaking research



Campaign

We campaign to make dementia a priority



Our Essex Services

- Community Support
- Support for carers
- Support with young onset dementia
- Reconnecting with the community
- Hospital support
- Crisis support
- Memory Clinics
- Peer Support
- Shaping the future





Essex groups and activities

- Singing for the Brain
- Walking Football
- Cafes
- Winter Hubs
- Walking Groups
- Young Onset Groups
- Online Groups

Dementia Support Line

0333 150 3456

Monday to Wednesday: 9am – 8pm

Thursday and Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 4pm



Referrals

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Make a referral for dementia information, advice and support.

This form is for use by **professionals only** to refer people to Alzheimer's Society dementia services. On receipt, the person referred will be contacted to discuss their needs and how we can help them.

Raising Dementia Awareness

- Work with businesses, organisations and communities to improve dementia inclusivity
- Tailored awareness sessions (online or in-person):
 - Insight into living with dementia
 - How to create inclusive environments
 - Practical hints and tips to support people living with dementia
- Essex Inclusive Dementia Communities accreditation programme





Inclusive dementia communities (IDC)

As part of the 'Essex Dementia Strategy', Essex County Council and the Alzheimer's Society spoke to people living with dementia about their present and future needs, priorities and aspirations.

Inclusive Dementia Communities play a vital role in empowering and supporting people living with dementia, while fostering a sense of inclusion and understanding within the wider community.

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Being in this group made me feel important. It showed my voice is important. I am important.

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Inclusive dementia communities (IDC)

- Raising community awareness by deepening understanding of dementia across all sectors
- Building community capacity by equipping individuals and groups with the skills to support people living with dementia
- Promoting inclusive practices by ensuring that business and services are accessible and welcoming, helping them the stay physically, emotionally and socially active for as long as possible

How to become Essex IDC accredited

With the support of Alzheimer's Society, complete a simple action plan, stating what you are already doing that is inclusive for people living with dementia, and further improvements or adaptations that could be made, including

- how you are upskilling your workforce
- how you support people who visit your premises
- what processes you have, to keep people safe and to support your employees who may be affected by dementia.



Essex County Council



Benefits

- It's completely free to take part.
- Many businesses are already carrying out IDC aligned actions, this builds on existing good practice.
- It helps improve services for the wider community, ensuring more inclusive and accessible support across the board.
- It demonstrates a clear commitment to the Equality Act 2010, evidencing your organisation's dedication to fairness and inclusion.
- Council leaders and senior managers across Essex actively support the programme, showing strong strategic backing.
- ECC Commissioning aims for all services to achieve IDC accreditation, reinforcing its importance across the sector.



**Thank you and
questions**

