

Minehead Dementia Action Alliance
Membership Application Form



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Aims of MDAA

The MDAA's charitable objects are set out in full in its draft constitution. In summary, the MDAA **aims** to:

Promote the health and well-being of people living with dementia, and their families and carers, in Minehead and the surrounding area, by:

- providing activities for people with dementia, to improve their physical and mental well-being, and to improve their quality of life;
- providing opportunities for social interaction and mutual support;
- giving people with dementia and their carers a voice, and enabling them to participate more effectively in the wider community;
- engaging with businesses and other organisations, and raising awareness in the community of dementia; and
- liaising with local health and social care providers and with regional and national dementia charities to ensure that the needs of people with dementia, and their carers, in the Minehead area are met.

MDAA is recognised by the Alzheimer's Society as part of its *Dementia Friendly Communities* programme. MDAA is one of 55 Dementia Action Alliances in the South West.

Making Minehead a dementia-friendly town and community

Becoming a member of the MDAA

Why be a member?

By becoming a member, you will be helping us to represent more people and organisations within our local community. In turn, this will help us achieve our charitable 'objects' and give us a stronger voice when standing up for people with dementia and their carers. A wider and more representative membership will help us to liaise more effectively with local health and social care providers. It will also give us a sounder basis for fundraising and applying for grants. A stronger and well-structured MDAA will make the organisation more sustainable into the future.

Why do I/we need to fill in a form?

As part of our efforts to formalise our procedures and eventually apply for charity status, we need to review and update our register of members. Having a proper list of contact details would enable us to be far better at communicating with those who are keen to support the MDAA.

In accordance with our proposed constitution, membership is open to individuals over eighteen or organisations who are approved by the trustees. All members listed in the members' register will be invited to the annual general meeting of the MDAA and any other general meetings called by the trustees.

Our proposed constitution states that 'the trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of the members which must be made available to any member on request'. The secretary of MDAA will keep and maintain this register of members.

If you would like to be a member of MDAA, please complete the details on the next page and sign the form to show your consent to your details being recorded in the register.

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

.....**Post code**.....

SIGNED: DATE:

To help us keep in contact with members, it would also be helpful if you would agree to the MDAA secretary keeping a record of your phone number and email address. These details will be used for the purpose of MDAA business only and will not be shared with a third party.

TELEPHONE NUMBER (*optional*):

EMAIL ADDRESS (*optional*):

Please return this form to Val Stuart, Lingwood, 3 South Park, Minehead TA24 8AL or by email to mineheadaa@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in, and support for, the MDAA!