

Imagine a world where ...

... local people pop into care homes to chat with or read to residents or simply help the staff

... children produce school projects with residents

.... zoos, sports centres, theatres and clubs offer free tickets to residents or bring entertainment to the care home

.... local supermarket profile residents wishes and encourage their customers to respond.

.... businesses donate to competitions in care homes or offer discounts for staff or volunteers

....Where care homes are cherished by their local communities.

Get involved!

Care Homes:

- Download our materials and sign up!
- Let your community know that you're part of this national initiative and need their help to deliver quality of life for your residents.

Community Groups/ Individuals:

- Get in touch with your local care home.
- Tell them about Care Home FaNs and offer your support.
- Could you help them forge new links with individuals, groups, clubs, organisations and local businesses within the local community?

Care Home FaNs
Friends & Neighbours

Connecting people places and passions

Please do get in touch if you need more help

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What is Care Home Friends and Neighbours

Care Home Friends and Neighbours (Care Home FaNs) is a national initiative that supports care homes develop connections with their local communities in order to enable residents, and those caring for them, to have the best possible quality of life.

Care Home FaNs has been developed by partners 'My Home Life' and 'National Activity Providers Association'. The initiative encourages a spirit of 'neighbourliness' between care homes and individuals, clubs, businesses within the community.



Care Home Friends and Neighbours shares ideas of how care homes and the community can be part of a national effort to work positively together to make a difference.

Some examples of 'Care Home FaNs' in action include:

Wishing Washing Line – developed by a local charity in Essex, is a model where residents' 'wishes' are hung on a washing line in a public space such as a supermarket. The wishes of the residents are fulfilled by the general public which creates new relationships between care homes and their communities.

Bake-Off – where the community can contribute and judge local care homes' residents' cake-making.

Community volunteering and contributions – schools, local sports clubs, supermarkets, gyms, bakers, zoos, fire brigades are signing up to Care Home FaNs and giving their time or their services to local care homes.



For other examples, see our website:
www.carehomefans.org