

Hartlepool Borough Libraries
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Hartlepool Borough Libraries provides access to information and books to anyone living, working or studying in Hartlepool. We have 2 Community hubs, 3 branch libraries plus one library operating out of Community Hub North plus a Home Delivery Service and a mobile library. We provide books for leisure and study whether this be for reading for pleasure, independent learning or formal study. Our reference service gives information and support to people who are researching for coursework, family history, or employment. Each venue runs reading groups, activity sessions, and author events for all ages. We offer reminiscence sessions for care homes, and have a dementia collection including memory boxes which can be borrowed by the public. We participate in the Reading Well Books on Prescription project – a national initiative from The Reading Agency.

Action 1

Dementia Awareness

We will ensure all staff receive an awareness session and are invited to become Dementia Friends. We will include Dementia Awareness in the induction of all new staff. We have one member of staff who is a Dementia Champion. We will work with other organisations within Community Hubs to support the Dementia Friendly Hartlepool agenda and ensure library activities are welcoming to people living with dementia.

Action 2

Access to Information

We will continue to ensure that people living with Dementia and their Carers have access to information about the condition by providing books, leaflets and other materials and by continuing to support the Reading Well Books on Prescription initiative. We will share information about local activities and events Regarding Dementia Friendly Hartlepool and will signpost people to The Bridge.

Action 3

Working with Children

The children's team will offer dementia themed activities to schools, including developing sessions within the Chatterbooks Reading Groups, and will include Dementia Awareness in activities within the libraries and hubs wherever appropriate to raise awareness with children and parents. Our Dementia Champion will work with community groups such as Brownies and Cubs to raise awareness of Dementia.

Action 4

Dementia Action Week

We will support Dementia Action Week with activities and displays of information. We will actively promote the programme in the lead up to, and during DAW.