

Activities & Events in April 2023

Covid guidance

Please do not attend our groups if you are feeling unwell.
Any of our In Person groups may be cancelled at short notice if the Government guidelines change or if staff members need to self-isolate.

Our Community Groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living with dementia or experiencing difficulties with their memory, including their families and friends. All are welcome; people who can attend independently and/or for those unable to do so should come with a companion who can provide any support for them. We don't provide transport for these groups and therefore it is your responsibility to get to and from this community activity, safely.

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We are here for you with a warm drink, food and company. We will be providing more tea & blether sessions, and coffee catch ups, or just pop in for a warm drink. Please see below for more details.

If you would be interested in an Audiology Clinic being run again, please contact Lilian on 01463 711707 to be added to the waiting list

In Person Groups – Inverness

Dates & Times	Activity	Venue	Contact Details
Monday 3 April 2-3.30pm	Masterminds <i>A group for people living with dementia doing activities to stimulate the brain. This is a follow-on from our previous Cognitive Stimulation Therapy sessions, but you don't need to have attended that to come along.</i> *Please note change of location*	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710
Monday 3 April 2-3.30pm	Informal Carers Chat <i>A chance for carers to meet up with each other for a chat.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710
Thursday 6 April 10.30-11.30am	Bacon Butty Morning <i>Come along for a bacon butty and a chance to chat with others in a similar situation.</i> *Suggested donation £1* *Please note change of location*	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 Or Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org or 01463 516005
Thursday 6 April 2-3pm	Coast Candles Workshop <i>We are collaborating with Coast Candles to produce our own 'Alzheimer Scotland' candle to be released for Dementia Awareness Week. This third session will be choosing which of the blends of scents will be used for our candle.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710
Tuesday 11 April 2-3pm	Dementia Advisor Drop-In <i>Karen, Dementia Advisor in Inverness will be available for advice or support. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.</i> <i>Please note, an appointment can be made to speak with Karen at any time so please don't feel you have to wait until this time if you need to speak to her.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711707

Wednesday 12 April 2-3pm	Digital Health and Wellbeing Drop-ins <i>Come along to speak to NHS Highland's Technology Enabled Care Team to find out more about equipment that could support you, or someone you care for, to lead healthier, happier lives. This is a regular monthly drop-in session and will be held on different days and times each month.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 or Lilian on 01463 711707
Thursday 13 April 2-3pm	Music Group <i>An opportunity to come along and take part in music-based activities.</i>	Woodlands, 23a Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4AN	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710
Friday 14 April 1.30-3.30pm	Movie Afternoon <i>Join us to watch a movie. The movie will be chosen by those attending.</i> *Please note change of location*	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 or Lilian on 01463 711707
Tuesday 18 April 12.30-2pm	Soup Café <i>Come and join us for soup and bread and a chance to meet others in a similar situation.</i> <i>*Suggested donation £2*</i> *Please note change of location*	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 or Lilian on 01463 711707
Wednesday 19 April 2-3pm	Inverness Health Walk <i>*Places for this group must be booked in advance*</i> <i>Join us for a walk in Inverness. The walks normally last about 1 hour and the pace is set by those attending.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 Or Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org or 01463 516005
Monday 24 April 2-3pm	Carers Support Group <i>For people caring for someone living with dementia. Join us for a cuppa and a chat with others in a similar situation.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 Or Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org or 01463 516005

Monday 24 April 2-3pm	Reminiscing Group <i>We will be joined by Alison from Inverness Museum.</i>	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 Or Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org or 01463 516005
Monday 27th April 2-3.30pm	Coffee Catch-Up <i>A chance to meet and have a chat with others in a similar situation.</i> *Please note change of location*	Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centre, Unit 2 Strothers Lane, Inverness, IV1 1LR	Karen Black KarenBlack@alzscot.org or 01463 711710 Or Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org or 01463 516005

Cognitive Stimulation Therapy

We will be running another course of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy. This is a course of activities to stimulate the brain, for people with a diagnosis of dementia. This is a set course with the same group of people attending each week which will run for 7 weeks. There is the option of doing this either online or in person.

Please contact Karen or Julie for more information and register your interest.

In Person Groups – Nairn

Dates & Times	Activity	Venue	Contact Details
Tuesday 4 th April 10am-12pm	Dementia Advisor Drop-In <i>Julie, Dementia Advisor in Nairn, will be available for advice or support. Drop in for a chat.</i>	Interview room 4, Nairn Town and County Hospital, Cawdor Road, Nairn, IV12 5ED	Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org 07887 625892 Or 01463 516005
Monday 10 th April 2pm-3pm	Health Walk <i>*Places for this group must be booked in advance*</i> <i>Join us for a walk in Nairn. The walk lasts about one hour, and the pace is set by those attending.</i>	Meet at Links Car Park	Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org 07887 625892 Or 01463 516005

Monday 17th April 1-2pm	All-Ability Cycling <i>*Places for this group must be booked in advance*</i> <i>Enjoy traffic-free cycling with a vast choice of cycles to suit all abilities. £5 per participant, carers go free. We have limited spaces so please contact Andy if interested.</i>	Highland Cycle Ability Centre Watermill Foundation The Old Mill Cantray Cawdor IV12 5XT	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356
Friday 28 th April 11.30-1pm	Coffee Catch-Up <i>A chance to meet and have a chat with others in a similar situation.</i>	Seamans Hall Harbour St, Nairn IV12 4PH	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356

In Person Groups – Badenoch and Strathspey

Venue: Outdoor Dementia Resource Centre, Badaguish Outdoor Centre, Glenmore, Aviemore, PH22 1AD

Dates & Times	Activity	Contact Details
Wednesday 5 th April 11.30am-1pm	Gardening Interest <i>It's officially Spring but it may not feel like it! Come & help us improve our garden. Whether your 'green-fingered' or not, come along for a cuppa and a chat.</i>	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356
Wednesday 12 th April 3.30-5pm	Dementia Advisor Drop-In <i>Julie, Dementia Advisor in Badenoch and Strathspey, will be at the Glen Centre, 17 Kinveachy Gardens, Aviemore, PH22 1RX. Pop in for advice or support.</i>	Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org Or 07887 625982
Thursday 13 th April 11.30am-1.30pm	Get Creative with Nature <i>Guided by Alison Wilson, a fun and interactive art and craft session inspired by our natural surroundings.</i>	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356
Wednesday 19 th April 10-11am	Dementia Advisor Drop-In <i>Julie, Dementia Advisor in Badenoch and Strathspey, will be at Badenoch Library, Spey Street, Kingussie, PH21 1EH. Pop in for advice or support.</i>	Julie Ferguson JulieFerguson@alzscot.org Or 07887 625982

Wednesday 19 th April 11.30am-2pm	Willow craft <i>A new-look willow craft session this month which will be one single session open to anyone, no booking required. We will be decorating willow frames for our garden. All welcome!</i>	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356
Tuesday 25 th April 11am-2.30pm	Wild Things <i>Bring something for your lunch! Nature gurus Wild Things run this activity which varies from month to month. Activities include making and building things which connect with nature and discussing interesting aspects of nature.</i>	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356
Wednesday 26 th April 11.30am-1pm	Nature Walk with Volunteer Rangers <i>We will go for a walk to suit the abilities of participants exploring the paths and trails around Badaguish. All welcome!</i>	Andy Miller AMiller@alzscot.org Or 07585 976356

Online Groups

Please contact the person listed below the activity and they will send you the link to join.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
		11am Doggie Bingo Contact Eleanor or Diane		11am Online Ceilidh Contact Diane
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
3.15pm Online Making Music Contact Diane		11am Reminiscence bingo Contact Eleanor or Diane		11am Online Ceilidh Contact Diane
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
10.30am Online Carers support for people in long term care Contact Hayley		11am Reminiscence bingo Contact Eleanor or Diane		11am Online Ceilidh Contact Diane
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
3.15pm Online Making Music Contact Diane	11am Highland Younger Onset Group Contact Lesley	11am Reminiscence bingo Contact Eleanor or Diane		11am Online Ceilidh Contact Diane

More about our activities

Monday online groups

Making Music- Join us for some music and song from guest musicians. You can sing along at home or just listen.

Carers support for people in long term care- for people caring for a person with Dementia who is in long term care. Join us for a virtual cuppa and meet other people in similar situations.

Tuesday online groups

Highland Younger Onset Group- Online group with access to professional and peer support for People diagnosed with Dementia, under the age of 65, family and carers living in the Highlands. Your views on how the group can work for you are welcomed.

Wednesday online groups

Doggie Bingo- We will be joined by Imke and her dog Webb for a game of bingo.

Reminiscence Bingo- Join us for a fun game of bingo with a different theme each month.

Friday online groups

Online Ceilidh- Join us for a great ceilidh. Sing along at home if you like or sit back and enjoy the songs and tunes. All welcome to bring an instrument or sing a song.

Please note that if there is an in-person group that you would like to attend but are unable to get to, please get in touch and we may be able to offer the chance to join it online. Similarly, if there is an online group you would like to join but you are unable to get online, we may be able to link you into the group from the Dementia Resource Centre.

Contacts

South Highland:

Inverness Dementia Resource Centre: 01463 711707

Lilian Stott – Receptionist/Administrator: LStott@alzscot.org

Julie Ferguson - Dementia Advisor (Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey): 07887 625982

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Karen Black - Dementia Advisor (Inverness): 07585 669654 - KarenBlack@alzscot.org

Woodlands Centre: 23a Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4AN

Outdoor Dementia Resource Centre, Badaguish, Aviemore

Andy Miller – Outdoor Community Activities Organiser: AMiller@alzscot.org

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