

What's on



**Alzheimer
Scotland**
Action on Dementia

July 2025 – Aberdeenshire

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 are unable to provide transport for these groups and therefore it is your responsibility to get to and from this community activity, safely. Please speak to us, so we can support you to explore other transport options.

If you are unsure, or have questions about any of the groups, or have an idea for a new group, please let us know. All contact details are below.. **Please contact your Activity Organiser in advance of attending any of the groups. – see contact details below.**

In Person Group	What's On In North Aberdeenshire	
Tuesday 1st	Musical Memories Banff Library, High Street, Banff For people living with dementia and their carers. Sing along to some old favourites, hear different musicians, have a chat and a coffee. If interested, please get in touch to book a space.	2.00pm–3.30pm
Tuesday 8th	Walk & Talk at Aden Park Aden Country Park, Station Road, Mintlaw Meet in the car park beside carers garden, join us for a walk round the park followed by a cuppie in the cafe	11.00am–12.30pm
Tuesday 15th	Turriff Hae a News Turriff Library, Grange Villa, The Square, Turriff For people living with dementia and their carers to meet others, gain social stimulation in a dementia friendly environment	11.00am–12.30pm
Tuesday 22nd	Fraserburgh Hae A News Fraserburgh Library, King Edward St Fraserburgh For people living with dementia and their carers to meet others, gain social stimulation in a dementia friendly environment.	11.00am–12.30pm
Tuesday 29th	Banff Castle Gardening Group Banff Castle, Castle Street, Banff Come along and join us planting bedding plants in our raised beds, followed by a cuppie in the cafe.	11.00am–12.30pm

Wednesday 9th	<p>Peterhead Dementia Café Mission Cafe, Union Street, Peterhead (Please note new venue and time) For people living with dementia and their carers to meet others, have a cuppie and a blether.</p>	10.30am-12.00pm
Wednesday 23rd	<p>Carer Support Group Kirkburn Court Care Home, Academy Pl. Peterhead Peer support, establish new friendships and get advice from your local Dementia Advisor. If you need to bring your cared for with you, please get in touch and we can arrange for them to join our dementia friendly social group in a safe environment so you can relax and get the support you need. Contact Laura Crockatt or Kathy Fraser for further details</p>	2.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 30th	<p>Walk & Talk at Aden Park Aden Country Park, Station Road, Mintlaw Meet in the car park beside carers garden, join us for a walk round the park followed by a cuppie in the cafe</p>	11.00am-12.30pm
Thursday 3 rd & 17th	<p>Mintlaw Hae a News Mintlaw Library, MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Rd, Mintlaw For people living with dementia and their carers to meet others, gain social stimulation in a dementia friendly environment.</p>	11.00am -12.30pm
Thursday 10th	<p>Banff Castle Gardening Group Banff Castle, Castle Street, Banff Come along and join us planting bedding plants in our raised beds, followed by a cuppie in the cafe.</p>	11.00am-12.30pm
Thursday 17 th	<p>Advice Point at Aden Park during Wild About Aden Event Aden Country Park, Station Road, Mintlaw Laura Crockatt, Dementia Advisor, will be offering support/advice during the Wild About Aden event. For further info contact Laura on 07825 242381 email lcrockatt@alzscot.org</p>	11.00- 2.00pm
Thursday 24th	<p>Banff Hae A News & Carer Support Group Banff Library, High Street, Banff For people living with dementia and their carers. Both groups to run alongside each other within The Library. CARER SUPPORT is a safe space for carers to gain peer support and get advice from their local Dementia Advisor SOCIAL GROUP is for the person living with dementia and their carer to meet others and gain social stimulation in a dementia friendly environment.</p>	11.00am-12.30pm

In Person Group	What's On In Central Aberdeenshire
Monday 7 th	<p>Inverurie Carers Support Group Port Elphinstone Community House, Flat 1, Pinewood House, Elphinstone Road, Inverurie.</p> <p>2.00-3.00pm</p> <p>For people who support someone with dementia, to get together for a chat with others in the same situation, share information and experiences</p>
Tuesday 1 st	<p>Insch Social Group Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Rd, Insch</p> <p>10.45-11.45 am</p> <p>A social group for people living with dementia and their carers.</p>
Tuesday 8 th	<p>KEMNAY Pop-up Café Kemnay Library, Kendal Rd, Kemnay AB51 5RN</p> <p>1.30-2.30pm</p> <p>A social group for people living with dementia and their carers. Come along for some coffee, chat and fun.</p>
Tuesday CANCELLED	<p>Port Elphinstone Social Group Port Elphinstone Community House, Flat 1, Pinewood House, Elphinstone Road, Inverurie.</p> <p>11.00 – 12.00pm</p> <p>*PLEASE NOTE THIS GROUP IS CANCELLED FOR JULY DUE TO REFURBISHMENT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE PREMISES*</p>
Tuesday 15 th	<p>Walk at Ellon Riverside</p> <p>A walk at Ellon (first half of walk suitable for wheelchairs) along the riverside. Meet at Riverside carpark at Ellon town centre.</p> <p>10.30 – 12.00pm</p>
Wednesday 2 nd	<p>Westhill Social Group Westhill Library, Westhill Primary, Westhill Drive</p> <p>2.00 -3.00 pm</p> <p>A social group for people living with dementia and their carers to have a blether, a cuppa and some activities.</p>
Wednesday 16 th	<p>Westhill Carers Support Group Westhill Library, Westhill Primary, Westhill Drive</p> <p>2.00 -3.00 pm</p> <p>For people who support someone with dementia, to get together for a chat with others in the same situation, share information and experiences</p>
Wednesday 30 th	<p>In the Same Boat Stonehaven Library, Even Street, Stonehaven</p> <p>2.00-3.30pm</p> <p>New in person carers support group for those carers who support someone with dementia living in a care home, or about to move into long term care. It's a great opportunity to access peer support, exchange stories and share information. Please contact Mags if you are interested in attending.</p>

Thursday 3rd	Oldmeldrum Social Group Meldrum Town Hall (downstairs room), The Square, Oldmeldrum	1.30 – 2.30pm
	Come along & enjoy a social event for people living with dementia and their carers.	
Thursday 10th & 24th	Ellon Social Group The Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon (Upstairs – there is a lift)	2.00 -3.00pm
	A social group for people living with dementia and their carers to have a blether, a cuppa and join in a fun activity.	
Thursday 10th	Ellon Carers Support Group Forvie Room, The Kirk Centre, Station Rd, Ellon	2.00 -3.00pm
		Jennifer Forsyth from Fire Scotland will speak about the hazards within the home, advice on how to stop these and how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

In Person Group What's On In South Aberdeenshire		
Tuesday 1st	Portlethen Pastimes Portlethen Library, Bruntland Road, Portlethen.	10.30 - 11.30am
	A social group for people living with dementia and their carers to have a chat, a cuppa and join in a fun activity.	
Tuesday 8th & 22nd	Stonehaven Activities & More Community Education Centre, Bath Street, Stonehaven.	10.30 - 12.00pm
	A social group for people living with dementia, and their carers, to meet up for some fun activities whilst enjoying a cuppa & a catch-up.	
Tuesday 8th	Stonehaven Carers Group Stonehaven Community Education Centre, Bath Street.	10.30 –12.00pm
	For people who support someone with dementia, to get together for a chat with others in the same situation, share information and experiences	
Wednesday 16th	Aboyne Social Group Aboyne Library, Bridgeview Road, Aboyne.	2.00 -3.00pm
	A social group for people living with dementia and their carers to meet up for a cuppa and a chat.	
Wednesday 30th	In the Same Boat Stonehaven Library, Even Street, Stonehaven	2.00-3.30pm
	Carers support group for those carers who support someone with dementia living in a care home, or about to	

	move into long term care. It's a great opportunity to access peer support, exchange stories and share information. Please contact Mags if you are interested in attending.
Thursday 3rd & 17th	<p>Banchory Social Group 1.30 - 3.00pm</p> <p>Banchory Library, Bridge Street, Banchory.</p> <p>A Social Group for people living with dementia, and their carers, to enjoy some fun activities over a chat and a cuppa.</p>

For those times when you cannot make it into the centre, or wish to attend some groups in person, and some online.

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

On-line Groups		
Tuesday, 1st July	Letting Go Group – Mags Corbett Support group for carers who have a loved one in a care home or moving soon into a care home.	2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 3rd	Rare Dementia Carer Support – Laura Crockatt	11.00 am
Thursday, 17th July	Aberdeenshire Carers Support Group – Laura Crockatt and Mags Corbett	11 am – 12.30pm

Check out Our Virtual Resource Centre (VRC) An online space where people can access groups, activities, and information sessions all from the comfort of their own homes. You can access a range of free live and 'on demand' activities including live music sing-alongs, arts and crafts, quizzes, seated exercises and relaxation techniques. VRC Facilitator Email sberesford@alzscot.org. **To access the Virtual Resource Centre follow this link - <https://www.alzscot.org/virtual-resource-centre-o>**

Contact details for groups:

<p>Laura Crockatt, Dementia Advisor Aberdeenshire (North) lcrockatt@alzscot.org 07825 242381;</p>	<p>Kathy Fraser, Comm. Activities Organiser Aberdeenshire (North) kfraser@alzscot.org 07795 391092; -</p>
<p>Mags Corbett, Dementia Advisor Aberdeenshire (Central & South) mcorbett@alzscot.org 07769 366 175</p>	<p>Susan Westcott, Comm. Activities Organiser Aberdeenshire (Central) swestcott@alzscot.org 07876 003154</p>
<p>Dee Cobban, Community Activities Organiser Aberdeenshire (South) dcobban@alzscot.org 07825 546006</p>	



Our support and activities are only possible thanks to the donations we gratefully receive. There are many ways to support our groups, please speak to any member of staff detailed above for more details. To make a donation, please consider donating to our local Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/aberdeendrc>



Alzheimer Scotland Conference 2025

Our Annual Conference will be held on **Monday 22 September at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)**. Early Bird tickets are now available to buy at Eventbrite using the link below.

Alzheimer Scotland Annual Conference 2025 Tickets, Mon 22 Sep 2025 at 09:00 | Eventbrite

As always, tickets for people with dementia and carers are free - please email conference@alzscot.org for more information about free tickets.

More details of the conference, including the full programme will be made available closer to the event.

For more information, or if you would be interested in exhibiting at our conference, please contact our team: conference@alzscot.org

Time to Live (TTL) - Creative Breaks

Time to Live (TTL) is a funding programme that provides microgrants to unpaid carers so that they can take a vital break from their caring role - this can take the form of:

- Materials for a hobby
- Furniture for your garden
- An overnight stay away
- Relaxation/Holistic therapies
- Classes to learn something new

Whatever you deem as a break for **you** - TTL can provide this support.

VSA are working with Shared Care Scotland as their delivery partner, with funding being provided by the Scottish Government.

To be eligible for Time to Live funding you must be:

- An unpaid carer, caring for someone, living in Aberdeenshire
- Within a caring role for a parent, partner, family member or friend

The TTL Creative Break funding for 2025/2026 is now OPEN.

<https://www.vsa.org.uk/our-services/aberdeenshire-carers>

Contact VSA team who would be happy to help with any questions.

Email: carers.shire@vsa.org.uk

Telephone: 01224 727670

Facebook Group: VSA Aberdeenshire Carers



Deveronside Boogie Afternoons for 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.
THURSDAY 29TH MAY
THURSDAY 26TH JUNE
THURSDAY 31ST JULY
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
FROM 2PM TO 4PM.

**Location:- Deveronside Club ,
Tannery St,
Banff AB45 1ER**

Come along and join in a fun afternoon of music from Starlite Discos, dance & friendship. Held once a month.

For Senior Citizens, people living with dementia and their carers and local care homes. Anyone living alone and looking for company and a chat.

Refreshments will be available – Teas, Coffee & cakes - £2.50 pp.

For more information, contact Deveronside Club on 01261 812769 during opening hours or Marlene on 07790 911503.



Sunday 24 August 2025

Alzheimer Scotland Memory Walk Aberdeen

Time: Arrive from 11.30am. Walk starts at 12 noon. Event finishes at 2pm.

Location: Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, AB24 5RU

Join us for a gentle 5k walk around the athletics track at Aberdeen Sports Village while raising vital funds for people living with dementia.

Adult tickets are £10. Children's tickets are free - children must be registered for a ticket to take part in the walk and must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note, only guidance dogs are permitted on this walk.

Register: <https://memorywalk.alzscot.org/event-info-aberdeen>

If you can't do the Memory Walk, there is an opportunity to do 'Your Walk, Your Way' -the link above also takes you to this information and registration.

**Should you no longer wish to receive Aberdeenshire What's On or updates, please call or write to:
Val Sleigh, Service Admin Coordinator - 01467-530516 or email vsleigh@alzscot.org**



Making sure *nobody* faces dementia alone.