

Friends of Felpham CIC
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Dear Sarah

It was very good to meet with you and find out about your plans for the Felpham Post office, I hope we will be able to work together to provide support for the local community.

As you are aware Sage House @ Dementia Support, are about to launch our new Dementia Community Café, to support the residents of Felpham that feel they need our support. The sessions will be fun, with tea and cake, activities and the opportunity to find out more about Sage House, and gather information and advice, it is an opportunity for people to get to know one another and those that have similar experiences. We are hoping the session will be weekly and will provide that so important social connection for people living with Dementia.

It is very important to us to have the right space for our customers.

We know that the layout and colours are so important, at Sage house we have used Dementia friendly colours, colours that can be easily identified. It is also important to consider bathroom facilities, something as simple as a coloured toilet seat makes all the difference, to ensure that someone living with Dementia can identify where the toilet it. Having disabled access is also important, a number of our customers need to use a wheelchair, so ramps and easy access is so important. Having access to a space that can meet the needs of those attending is so important.

Following our discussions I feel there are several ways we can work together, having access to space at the Post Office would be fantastic for us, we are about to purchase a Pink bus that we are adapting to enable us to meet people all over the district, it would be great if we could bring it along to the Post Office, so we can share advice and guidance – we are also working in partnership with Southern Gas Network, so we can offer information and help with energy too. We also discussed the possibility of using some space for our new café once you are able to accommodate.

I am sure there are many other ways we can support each other to enable people living in Felpham have local access to information and services, we work in partnership with Carers Support and Citizens Advice Bureau and I am sure they would be interested to hear about what you are trying to achieve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and look forward to working together in the near future.

Yours Sincerely

Emma Radley

