

End of Grant Feedback

Name: **Tapestry Day Club**

Date Approved: **14/03/2025**

Total Amount Awarded: **£2,500**

Amount Awarded by Fund:

**Mole Valley Community
Fund**

£2,000

**Horsleys Community Fund
£500**

Project Summary:

**Funding towards the travel
costs for a charity to collect
and drop off Horsley
residents to their facilities to
enable respite for carers**

Primary Beneficiary:

Carers

Primary Age Group:

Adults (26 – 65)

How many people benefitted?

33

What difference has the grant made?

Tapestry Day Club was able to deliver essential elements of our dementia service to families in the Mole Valley area and one resident in Horsley, focusing on both access to our club days and the wraparound support that ensures each guest and their family carer can engage with confidence and consistency.

The grant of £2,500 was used across three key areas: transport support, new guest pre-assessment and onboarding, and ongoing family support.

1) £500 was used to provide transport for a Horsleys resident to attend our Club Days, enabling 14 individual trips. This funding ensured that a guest who would otherwise have been unable to attend could participate regularly in our small-group, home-based day support. As a result, the guest was able to benefit from increased social connection, structured activity and a sense of belonging, while their family carer received meaningful respite.

2) £1,440 supported pre-assessment visits and onboarding for 12 new guests. Each pre-assessment involves approximately six hours of dedicated time, including an initial consultation, understanding the individual's life history, needs and preferences and careful matching with a suitable Host. This process is fundamental to our model, ensuring that every guest feels safe, understood and able to engage from their very first visit. For families, this stage is equally important, it builds trust, provides reassurance and offers guidance at what is often a very uncertain and emotional time.

3) £560 was used to provide 28 hours of ongoing wraparound support to our Mole Valley families. This included regular communication, check-ins, coordination of personalised support, bespoke reporting and guidance, and responding to emerging needs or concerns. We estimate that this support benefited approximately 8-10 families, many of whom are navigating the early stages of dementia and often feel isolated and unsure where to turn. This consistent, personalised support helps families feel more confident, better informed, and less alone in managing the caring challenges they face.

The impact of this funding extends beyond our guest. Our model is also designed to support their family carers, recognising that dementia affects not only the individual but also those who care for them. By providing regular, trusted respite through our club days, combined with ongoing guidance and support, we help carers maintain their own wellbeing and sustain their caring role for longer.

In addition, our presence within the Mole Valley community contributes to a wider sense of connection and awareness. Our Hosts provide small, welcoming environments within their own homes, creating spaces where guests can build friendships and feel part of their local community. This helps to reduce isolation, which is a significant risk factor for declining well-being in people living with dementia.

A single Tapestry Day Club Host supporting six guests weekly can deliver over 1,000 hours of respite care annually and facilitate hundreds of meaningful social interactions. Through this grant, we have been able to strengthen and extend that impact within Mole Valley, supporting more families than ever before to access the support and connection they need.

Read Peter's story here - <https://tapestrydayclub.co.uk/case-study-peter-2/>

Thank you so much for your support!

Tapestry Day Club