

## **APPENDIX 4 Summary of Dementia Friendly Environments Capital Projects**

Via Warwickshire's Investment Board WCC Cabinet approved making £100k of Capital monies available to make physical improvements to places where care and support is delivered to people with dementia.

The capital investment opportunity was launched to the provider market in June 2014 along inviting providers to tender for the opportunity.

Bids for funding had to fulfil the following criteria for capital spending;

- Investment in new assets that have a useful life of more than one year.
- Investment in existing assets that expands their usefulness.
- Investment in an existing asset that extends its useful life.
- Investment in assets above a minimum value of £6k.

Added to this bidders were asked to demonstrate how their proposed environmental developments would impact people with dementia around the following outcomes;

- Easing decision making;
- Reducing agitation and distress;
- Encouraging independence and social interaction;
- Promoting safety;
- Enabling activities of daily living.

### **Project Details:**

**Gildawood Court** - Awarded £11,030 for the creation of a Dementia Friendly garden

Gildawood Court successfully bid to create 2 dementia friendly enclosed garden areas that provide a safe and sensory environment that can be enjoyed both for group and individual activities. These gardens will enhance the horticultural activities which include growing vegetables and herbs which can be used within the Home both by the residents and Kitchen staff. The second garden area is a more relaxing area with a swing and pathways that lead to colourful flower beds. These environments facilitate engagement and activity between residents, relatives and staff. (pictures of this project on page 3-4)

**Allambie Court** – Awarded £25,000 for the creation of English Afternoon Tea room

Allambie Court Nursing Home successfully bid to create an English Afternoon Tea room in the existing conservatory. The new facility has enhanced the existing facility to support many therapies such as reminiscence, relaxation, pet therapy, gardening and creative expression not only for residents within the home and their families, but to support the wider community.

**The Old Rectory** – Awarded £25,000 for the creation of a Dementia friendly sun room

The Old Rectory Care Home successfully bid to construct a conservatory to the rear of the home, to open out onto the gardens. The conservatory enables residents to enjoy the views and enables access to the gardens. The conservatory brings a new dimension to the home and has enhanced the quality of life of residents by reducing anxiety/agitation, encouraging social interaction between residents and enabling activities to be enjoyed by residents.

**Woodlands** – Awarded £34,126 for the creation of a Dementia Friendly Conservatory  
The Woodlands Care Home successfully bid to replace an existing 21 year old conservatory with a larger one that leads to the garden and seating area, with enhanced heating and with

the addition of a modern reflective roof making it useable in summer and winter. The conservatory enables enhances residents well- being as they have better access to the garden and can enjoy communal events such as parties, singers, choirs, and film shows. It has also enhanced the dining experience for residents.

**Total Awarded = £95,156**

All of the funding awarded was spent within financial year 2014-2015 and all sites have had their capital development work complete within the 12 months allocated for the project.

Outcomes will be measured against the initial bid criteria at 3, 6 and 12 months post works completed.

**Example of project**

**Gildawood before pictures and after;**





