

## Accord Board members become Dementia Friends



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Board members at a leading West Midlands housing association have become Dementia Friends after completing training at their latest meeting.

Accord Housing Association held its bi-monthly board meeting last night (May 23), where an hour of it was dedicated to training its members about becoming more dementia aware.

The interactive training increased the Board members' understanding of dementia, meaning they will now be able to help and support people living with dementia in their communities.

Elisabeth Buggins CBE, Chair of Accord said: "The training was really interesting and gave everyone involved a better understanding of how to support someone living with this disease.

"At Accord we are proud to provide this type of training, and I am very pleased the Board also embraced it and have become Dementia Friends, and it was great we were able to experience the Dementia Friends training, as it is something we already offer other organisations."

The training was provided by Accord's Care & Support colleagues, where they also asked the Board members to make pledges of how they can support people with dementia going forward.

Pathways 4 Life - part of Accord - already offer Dementia Friends training to organisations across Walsall and recently completed training with eight organisations in the Borough.

Maxine Espley, Executive Director of Health, Social Care and Support said: "Our care & support colleagues did a fantastic job providing the training to our Board members. Delivering this sort of training is very important as it helps everyone get a better understanding of what dementia is and how they can help people in their community."

Dementia Action Week runs until Sunday (May 26), for more information visit: <https://bit.ly/2lqlraN>

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