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How do neighbourhoods support people living with dementia?
Data collection

BROTHER IN LAW: ALBERT

GERALD WIFE

MY BROTHER: DOUGLAS

MARION

DANIEL (Rugby League)

GREGORY

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SISTERS: PETRA

SUZANNE

Real. Name: BERNARD

Every Monday: 6 Dancello

AGB UK: Cadwell Avenue

Every 2 weeks: Evergreen Cricket Club

AGB UK.

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What do we already know?


- Wiles et al (2011): Rather than being mere settings or backgrounds, neighbourhoods and communities are practical resources for aging in place in diverse and particular ways.

- Duggan et al (2008, p196): A ‘shrinking world’ tends to lead to an overall decline in independence as places such as town centres become ‘no go’ areas, and even shopping locally often becomes dependent on being accompanied by a carer.
What have we found out?
Well I'm keen to go to the butchers to...because I think one ought to support your local shops...I think that they’re...well our butcher anyway, he makes all his own sausages on a Wednesday and it’s nice to catch up with, you know, how’s the grandchildren, and...Oh yeah, and I still pop in there even if I don’t need anything. I pop in and say, howdy.

Suzanne, person living with dementia.
Sarah: And when you’re out walking how does that make you feel?

Owen: It makes me feel better… Yeah. Certainly does. And that’s why I go with ‘Countryside’ Ramblers every Thursday.
“Sonia is her name is, she’s got six children and we don't have any problems with them but she’s always said if you need us just knock…. And then the lady next door to her she comes in quite often knocks on the door and she’ll sit and have a drink with me or whatever. And then the lady who lives next to that she’s got I think five or six kids, I’m not sure how many she had, but she’s the same, if you need me just knock”.

Jean, person living with dementia
“I mean it’s given me so much confidence because I suppose I’ve grown up, you know, coming out of school with just a couple of O levels and being told every day of my childhood, oh you’re useless, oh you’re rubbish, you’ll never amount to anything. To actually be asked to be on the committees that I’m on it’s just life giving really”

Susan, a person living with dementia
Staying in
Disruptions to neighbourhood as support

- Impact of austerity
- Insecurity about getting out and about
- Sense of disconnection / not belonging
What does all this mean?
Interventions and knowledge exchange: retelling and recasting
Using arts-based methods to retell stories

- Exhibition and commissioned artwork

EVERYDAY PLACES: WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA
A VISUAL AND INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

Please come along to this free drop in event and take part in a conversation about neighbourhood, neighbouring and the experience of living with dementia. This is part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science.

Wednesday 8th November
between 11am – 3pm

Performing Space at Manchester Central
Library, St Peters Square Manchester, M2 5PD
Retelling stories in creative and participatory ways

- Postcards

Stay Connected

- Neighbourhoods are about people and places: being recognised and recognising others
- Neighbourhoods are about the small acts of kindness that people do for each other
- Neighbourhoods are about routines and habits that connect to people and places

“I meet my friend during the week, we have coffee and a chat. I can talk to her if I have any worries and she’ll sit and listen.”

Dave, a person living with dementia talks about staying connected through a weekly routine.

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Working with participants

- Graphic comics

![Dementia and Everyday Life #1: The Newspaper](image1)
![Dementia and Everyday Life #2: Staying In](image2)
![Dementia and Everyday Life #3: Working Together](image3)
Recasting findings in meaningful ways

- Dining with Dementia
  - Monthly dining group for people living with dementia diagnosed under 65
- Paws for Dementia
  - Fortnightly dog-walking group for people living with dementia.
- Dementia Action Alliance Groups
  - Working with local communities to create more awareness
Summing up

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