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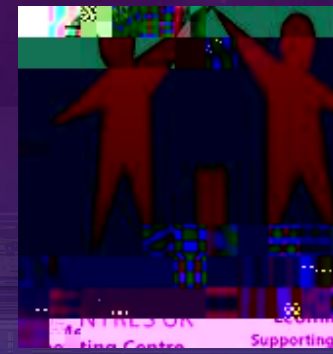
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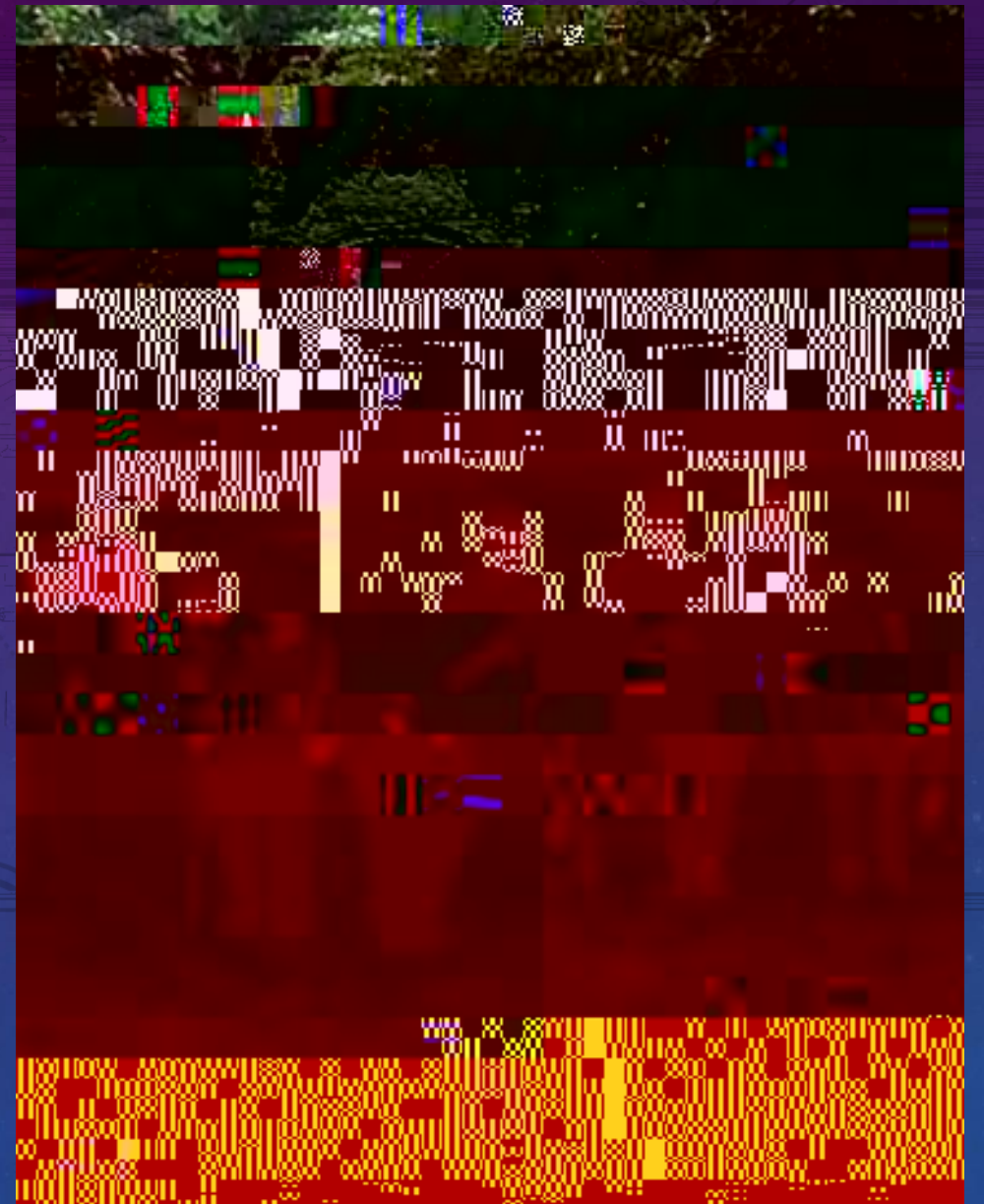
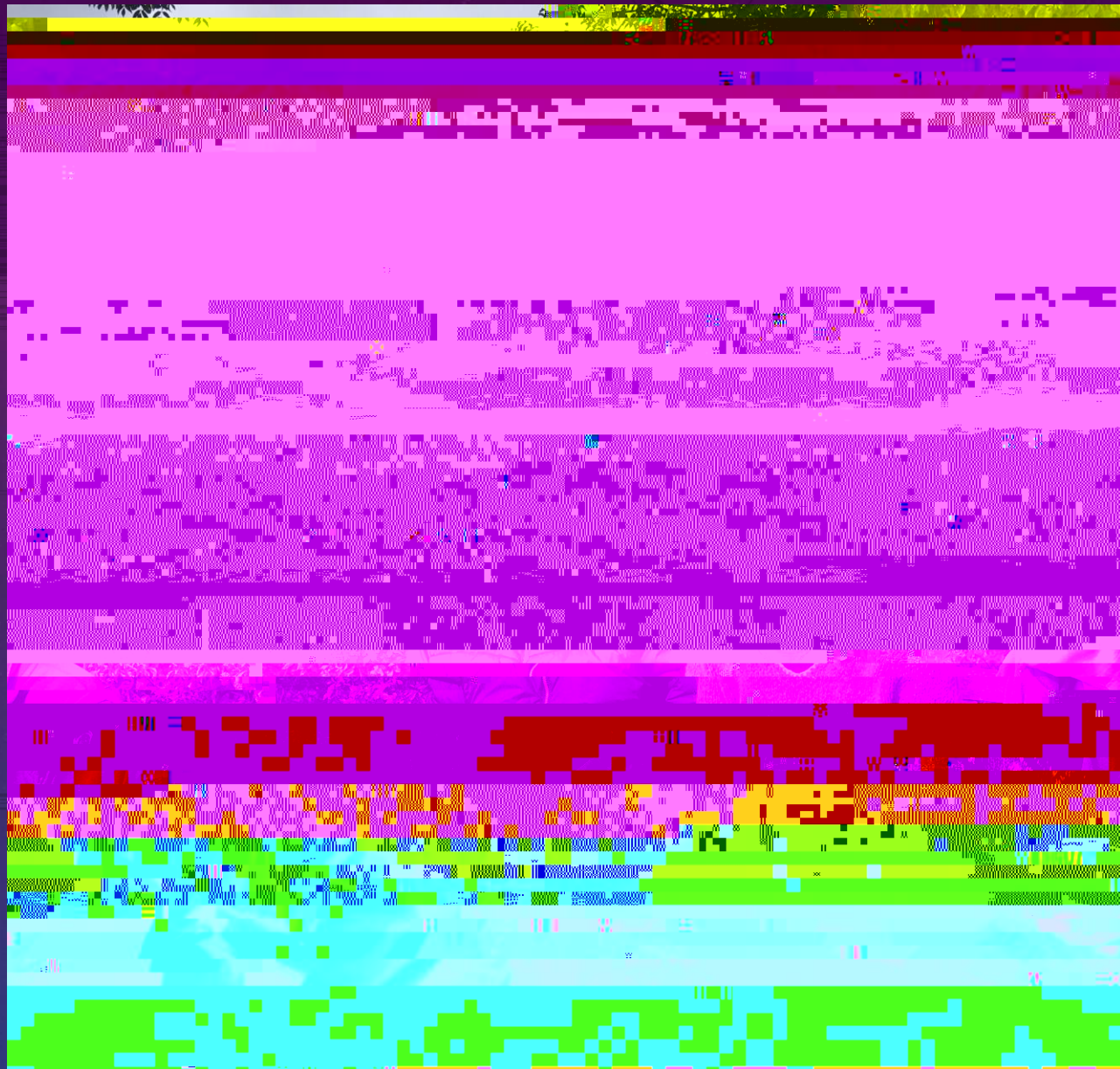
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Shirley Evans – Trustee (Treasurer – Funding and Projects)

Joy Valentini – Trustee and Manager

Cheryl Poole – Trustee and Safeguarding

Part of the Association for Dementia Studies at the University of Worcester MeetingDem project 2014 to 2017 looking at the implementation and benefits of Meeting Centres in the UK, Italy, Poland.

European funding was for the evaluation – not for the Meeting Centres

Droitwich Spa first Meeting Centre in the UK underway in 2014 (opened Sept 2015) as part of the project – funded by the Alzheimer's Society.

Leominster identified as a possible venue for another Centre to be included in the project but time of the essence.

Meeting with Director of Adult Services Herefordshire Council – proposal written – funding available very quickly.



Community Engagement Event Sept 2015 at Grange Court over 70 people attended.

Planning Group set up - met three times before launch.

Leominster Meeting Centre opened on 1st Feb 2016 run by Alzheimer's Society 3 days as week.

Located at the Multi-Agency Offices subsidised by

2gether NHS Foundation Trust

Alzheimer's Society

Architectronicus

Association for Dementia Studies

Beat it Percussion

Brecon and Hay Dementia Supportive County

Courtyard Theatre

Crossroads Care

F.H. Dale

Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support
Service

Halo Leisure

Harrison Clark Rickerbys Ltd

Herefordshire Carers

Herefordshire Carers Support

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Herefordshire Council funding ended Jan 2017

Funded by Alzheimer's Society from Feb to August 2017

Leominster Meeting Centre Charitable Incorporated Organisation set up in June 2017 – 6 Trustees

Charity took over the governance and running of the Centre 1st September 2017

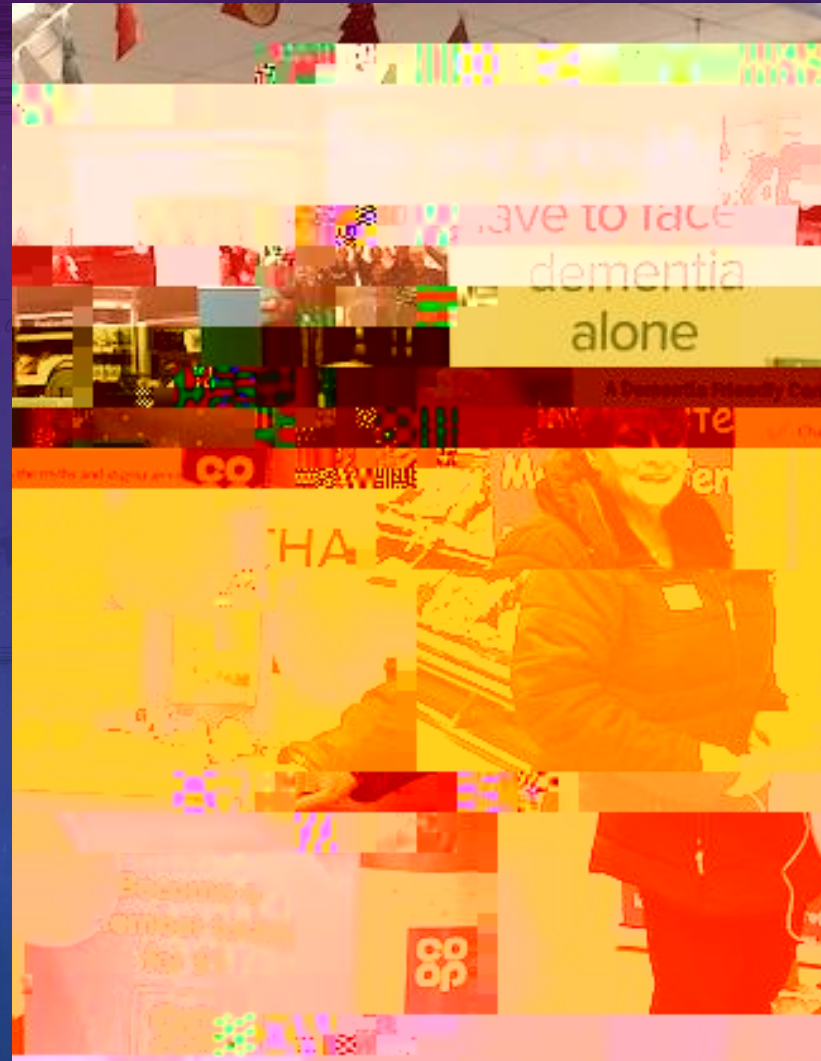
Three key challenges.....

Joy

Runner up Herefordshire
Health and Social Care
Awards Dementia Team -
2019

Cheryl

Winner of the
Herefordshire Health and
Social Care Good Nurse
Award - 2019



1st Year

£ 10 K Leominster Community Fund (European)

Released a pledge of £ 6K from Dales Structural Steelwork

Great premises after a rocky start – early enforced move.

Open 4 days a week – could open for more.

30 pairs of paying members.

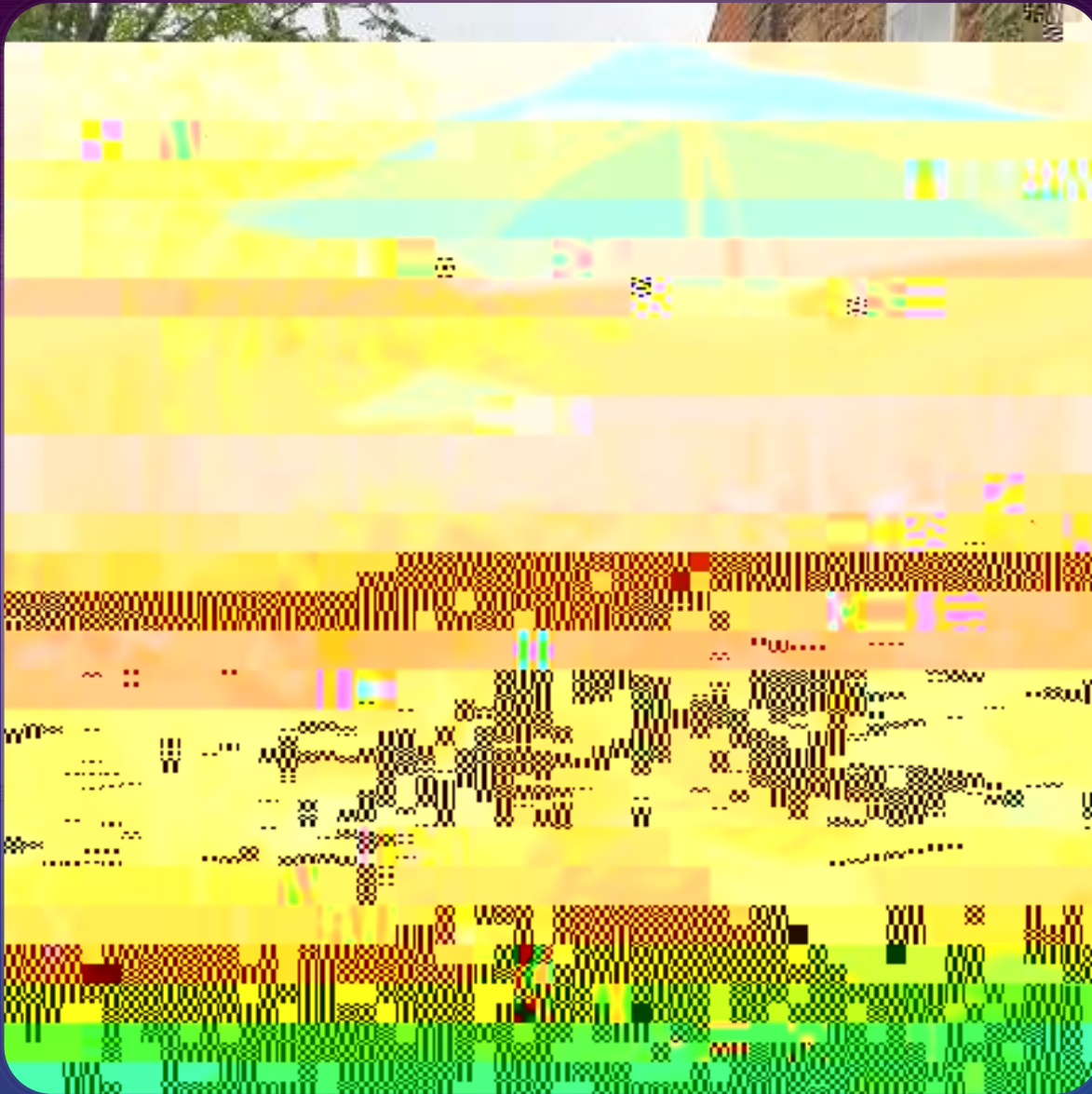
Embedded in the local community and leading the way in dementia support across the County.

Involved in various projects such as the UK Meeting Centres Support Programme

Welcoming visitors from all over the UK and beyond – as part of the UK Meeting Centres Support Programme Project.

Collecting data on a regular basis to feed into the project.





Involved with UK MCSP National Reference Group – looking to influence policy.

Participating in research projects which show the benefits.

Plugged into community initiatives across Herefordshire.

Working with Dementia Matters Here (fordshire) to initiate other Centres and similar interventions across Herefordshire.

Reviewing our business plan on a regular basis.

Continuing to make a massive impact to people affected by dementia in our community.

Thank you for listening

Any Questions?

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