

What happened during 2017?

- Achieved Charity Status
- Produced our Journey Document
- Making Memories Auction Fundraising Event
- Started a new social group meeting at the Brown Cow Public House to try and engage with younger people with dementia
- Awareness Raising Day - Reading of play 'Don't Leave Me Now' & Rock Gig to celebrate WRAD (World Rocks Against Dementia)
- M & S choose DFK as their 'Charity of the Year'
- Secured a unit in the Airedale Shopping Centre to open our office & 'drop-in' centre
- Awarded £10k from Keighley Town Council to enable us to employ staff for our office & 'drop in' centre
- Dementia Fete – Awareness raising & fundraising event
- John O'Groats – Land's End Cycle Ride – Group of friends did this cycle ride to raise money for DFK & Alzheimer's Society
- Opened our office in the Airedale Shopping Centre with support from M&S staff volunteers & the opening was performed by Tom Schofield & Rowan Thewlis
- Received Special Recognition award at Keighley & Airedale Business Awards Dinner
- Wavelength – a charity in Essex donated to us a 42" Smart TV, DVD Player & 2 Tablets
- Mr & Mrs Schofield's Pop Up Tea Room Fundraising Event – 50% money raised donated to DFK
- Cocktail Evening Fundraising Event, Chaplins, Haworth organised by Janet Feather & Julie Williams
- Had a visit to our office from John Grogan our new MP
- Recruited 15 new volunteers to our group
- NCS (National Citizens Service) 1960's afternoon
- Invited to speak at the President's Lunch at Keighley Show by David Gallagher to speak about what we do at DFK
- Dales Traverse Fundraising Walk
- Firths Boutique, Haworth, Preview Evening Fundraising Event
- Had information stand at World Mental Health Day Event in Airedale Shopping Centre
- Working in conjunction with Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), we hosted 'Self Care Week' for them in our office in the Airedale Shopping Centre
- Took our singing group the 'Singing Teapot' into the Airedale Shopping Centre for Christmas Carols & Singing
- Interviewed & employed our 2 new staff members
- Our activity groups the Singing Teapot and our Exercise Group are progressing well
- Continue to provide support to the Memory Tree with volunteers & room hire fees

- We now have 20 collection boxes out in various businesses & shops etc
- Taken our Information Stand out to various events during the year
- Engaged & worked with Catholic Care & their Embrace Project
- Worked closely with the Healthy High Streets Initiative with their work to provide a Memory Garden in town
- The Alzheimer's Society & Carers Resource have established a presence in our office on 1 half day each month to provide further help & support
- Working closely with the Community Mental Health/Older People's Teams, Airedale Hospital & GP Surgeries
- Continue to work with other areas that want to attain Dementia Friendly Status eg, Burley in Wharfedale & Silsden
- Dementia Friends Information Sessions still ongoing with our total now at approx 3000 dementia friends
- Facebook membership now stands at 335
- We have a Twitter account
- Continued to promote DFK through many and varied articles in the Keighley News & Telegraph & Argus
- New website under construction
- Engaged the services of Hannah Lindsey & CABAD for support with employing our new staff and set up for our new 'Drop-In' Service