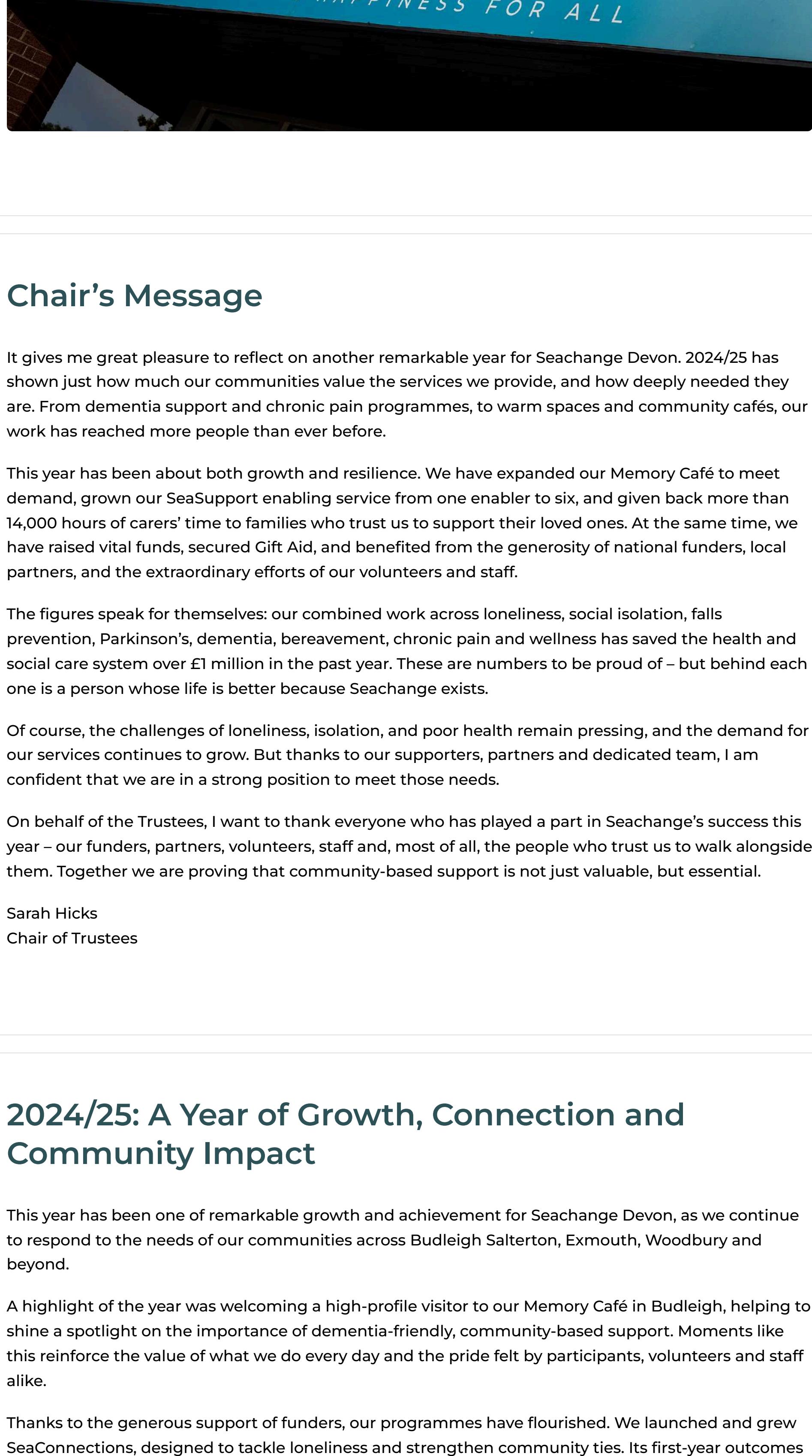


Seachange Devon

Annual Report 2024-2025



Chair's Message

It gives me great pleasure to reflect on another remarkable year for Seachange Devon. 2024/25 has shown just how much our communities value the services we provide, and how deeply needed they are. From dementia support and chronic pain programmes, to warm spaces and community cafés, our work has reached more people than ever before.

This year has been about both growth and resilience. We have expanded our Memory Café to meet demand, grown our SeaSupport enabling service from one enabler to six, and given back more than 14,000 hours of carers' time to families who trust us to support their loved ones. At the same time, we have raised vital funds, secured Gift Aid, and benefited from the generosity of national funders, local partners, and the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers and staff.

The figures speak for themselves: our combined work across loneliness, social isolation, falls prevention, Parkinson's, dementia, bereavement, chronic pain and wellness has saved the health and social care system over £1 million in the past year. These are numbers to be proud of – but behind each one is a person whose life is better because Seachange exists.

Of course, the challenges of loneliness, isolation, and poor health remain pressing, and the demand for our services continues to grow. But thanks to our supporters, partners and dedicated team, I am confident that we are in a strong position to meet those needs.

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to thank everyone who has played a part in Seachange's success this year – our funders, partners, volunteers, staff and, most of all, the people who trust us to walk alongside them. Together we are proving that community-based support is not just valuable, but essential.

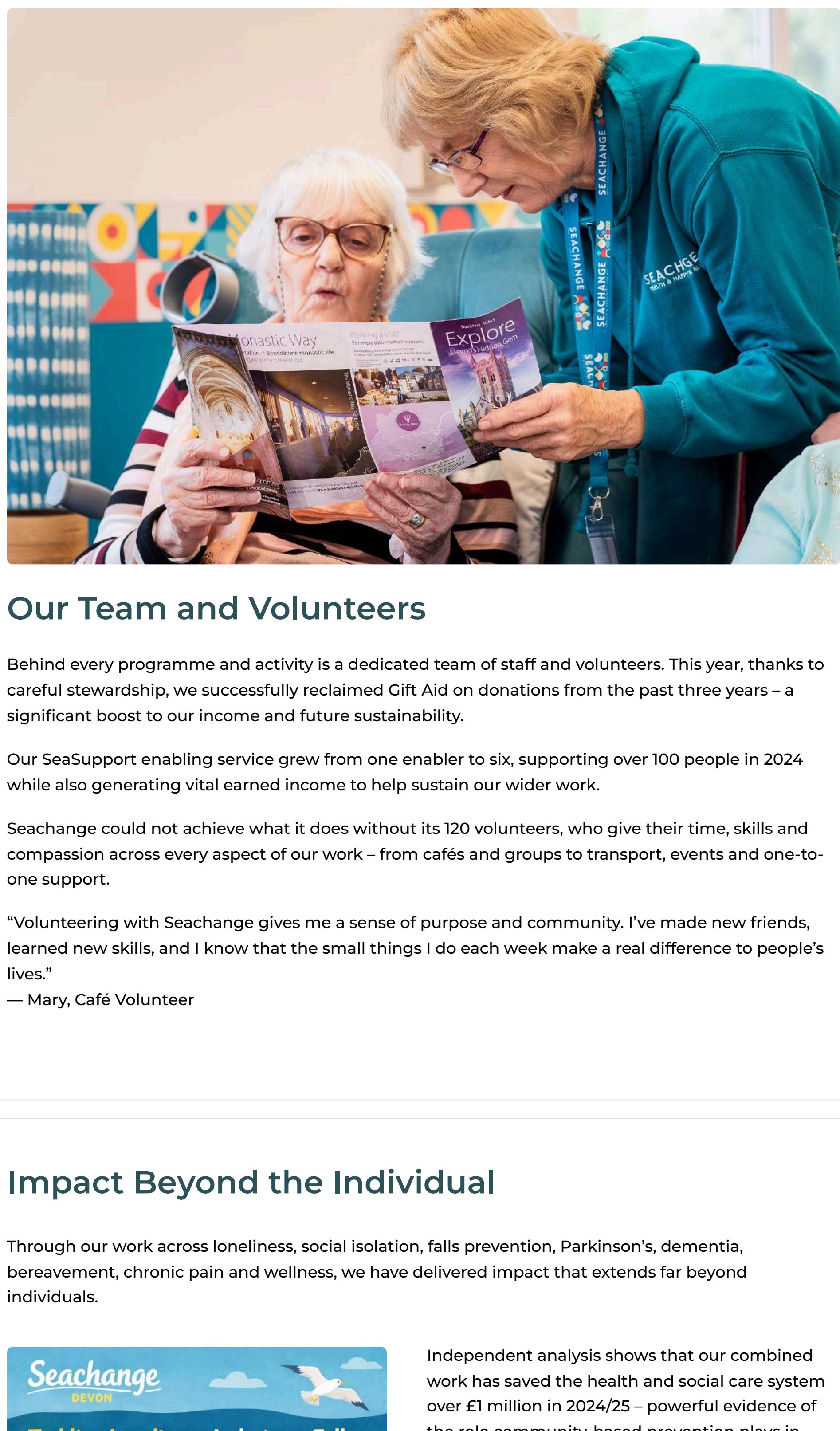
Sarah Hicks
Chair of Trustees

2024/25: A Year of Growth, Connection and Community Impact

This year has been one of remarkable growth and achievement for Seachange Devon, as we continue to respond to the needs of our communities across Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth, Woodbury and beyond.

A highlight of the year was welcoming a high-profile visitor to our Memory Café in Budleigh, helping to shine a spotlight on the importance of dementia-friendly, community-based support. Moments like this reinforce the value of what we do every day and the pride felt by participants, volunteers and staff alike.

Thanks to the generous support of funders, our programmes have flourished. We launched and grew SeaConnections, designed to tackle loneliness and strengthen community ties. Its first-year outcomes exceeded expectations, reaching more participants than planned and demonstrating clear improvements in wellbeing, confidence and social connection. A particular success has been the SeaConnections Café in Exmouth – a warm, welcoming space where friendships form and confidence grows.



Responding to Health and Wellbeing Needs

In response to local health priorities, we launched a new Chronic Pain Programme, co-created with health professionals to support people living with long-term pain. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, leading us to introduce a more informal Pain Café, offering ongoing peer support in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Our Memory Café continued to grow, expanding to a second full day and an additional half-day each week. This expansion has enabled more families to access dementia-friendly support and has given back more than 14,000 hours of carers' time, offering vital respite and peace of mind.

Our Warm Space has also grown, now welcoming around 25 regular participants, including people who are lonely, isolated, neurodivergent or on low incomes. We are actively seeking further funding to ensure this vital service continues beyond April 2025.

Alongside this, we strengthened our organisational resilience through vital core funding and investment in new equipment, enabling us to enhance experiences for people living with dementia and other long-term conditions.

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