

# More Keychange Contact

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## What a year!

**We hope that you have kept safe and well. Across Keychange Charity we have had a remarkable year facing many challenges yet seeing numerous blessings. Our teams have been dedicated to supporting people through the most remarkable of times.**

Our Centenary Year included the opportunity for Keychange Charity to give a warm welcome to Overdale Care Home in Sheffield and early in 2021 we welcomed Alde House in Penn, Buckinghamshire. Both communities have been walking with us through this challenging year and have experienced our growth in mutual support. Together we have established new ways of working. Every Monday we meet online as a leadership team across all communities and we share our experiences and encouragements. Every Wednesday we enjoy a Share and Learn session online and many colleagues join in to discuss the latest guidance or our anxieties about the news. These sessions always result in mutual encouragement as we share the joy of supporting people in our communities.

Over the year we have also experienced blessings through our Vibrant Community activities online. We have seen people connect with each other across the country whether in our Keychange Communities for older people or those that provide accommodation and support for younger people. People have shared their

favourite hymns, their hobbies, poetry and praise. The joy has been seen as family and friends also join in where they can.

As we commence 2021 we have seen the rapid roll out of vaccination across all communities for older people and we know that we will have better times ahead. The strength of community has been a joy through this year. The year ahead will be hard for us all and for Keychange Charity. We would very much appreciate whatever you might give in support of our aims to keep people connected. As people face many challenges we would love to continue enabling people to access communication whatever their challenges. Equipment can be expensive but is available and we want sensory impairment to be no barrier to engagement. We want as many people as possible to experience how we create caring communities to the mutual blessing of all.

Together we can thrive and not just survive. Please consider whether you might make a one-off donation or give regularly. We are always grateful to those who support us in giving and in prayer. Every member of our team is dedicated to creating caring communities.

**Thank you.**

**Brian James, Operations Manager,** on behalf of every one of my dedicated colleagues across Keychange Charity



Promoting creativity at Overdale

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An online church service at Alexander House



Ready for vaccination at Rose Lawn...



...and celebrating having had the Covid jab



Sharing a favourite book at Alexander House



## KOMP – the communication device for people living with us

KOMP is a one-button computer, made specifically for those who have little to no experience using smartphones, computers and tablets. With KOMP, the entire family can easily connect to the device through an app and send photos, messages and

make two-way video calls with your loved ones. This is an example of how we would like to further improve on communications at this challenging time.

Visit [www.noisolation.com/uk/komp/](http://www.noisolation.com/uk/komp/) for more details.

### Some messages sent to Keychange...

"I just wanted to put in writing my sincere gratitude for all you and your fabulous staff have been doing so valiantly and professionally during this prolonged lockdown. In the years to come, I will never forget what you have accomplished for Mum and the other lucky residents of Rosemary Mount."

"Thank you all for looking after R in 2020. He couldn't have got through the year without you." • Message to Fair Havens

"Thank you all, for all your hard work and all the personal sacrifices you have made. Your dedication is immense." • Conclusion of a letter sent to Walmer House

"To all the Staff at Cressingham, a huge thank you for all you do for the residents at Cressingham, and in particular for my mother. The last few months would have been more difficult for everyone if it wasn't for all your care and attention. It is really appreciated by me and my family."

## Keychange Communities



Overdale, Sheffield



Alde House, Buckinghamshire

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Signed..... Date: .....

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#### Care Communities

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- Walmer House, Torquay
- Erith House, Torquay
- Alexander House, Wimbledon
- Fair Havens, Southampton
- Rosemary Mount, Worthing
- Romans, Southwick
- Sceats, Gloucester
- Alde House, Penn, Bucks.
- Overdale, Sheffield
- Cressingham House, Wallasey

#### Housing Communities

- Esther Community, Exeter
- Wayside, Reigate

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