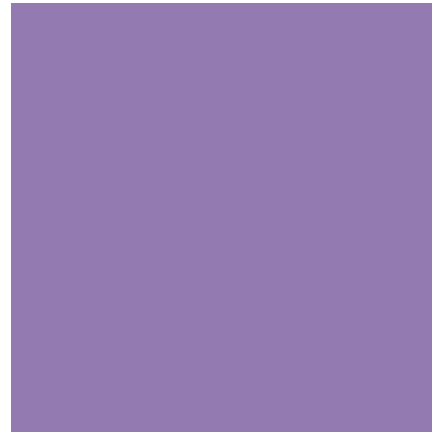




# 'No Barriers'



An insight into life at Merevale House



# The Merevale Community

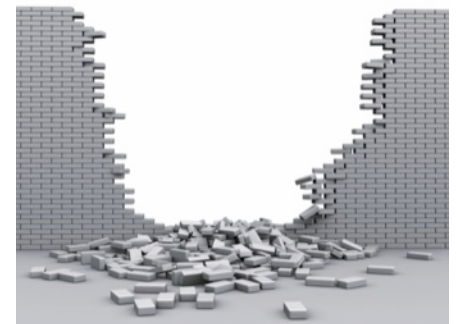
- Based in Atherstone, Warwickshire
- Four small, beautiful houses full of beautiful people
- We..... are active, live well and enjoy life
- Live and work together
- Share our lives and embrace emotions



# What is a barrier?

“You build your walls so high that no one can climb them”

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# Physical Barriers

- Uniforms
- Staff cups and plates and facilities
- Locked doors, kitchen, laundry room, bathrooms
- Time tables, set meal times, bed time, bath time
- Medical gloves and aprons



# Emotional Barriers

- Passive “care”
- Controlling the lives of people
- Negative risk assessments
- Need for organisation and planning
- Dictated structure, assumption that people need assistance
- Rejection of emotion, need for professional distance



# Social Barriers

- Wider concept of dementia
- Social construction of dementia and symptoms
- Society's fear of dementia
- Exclusion of people living with a dementia



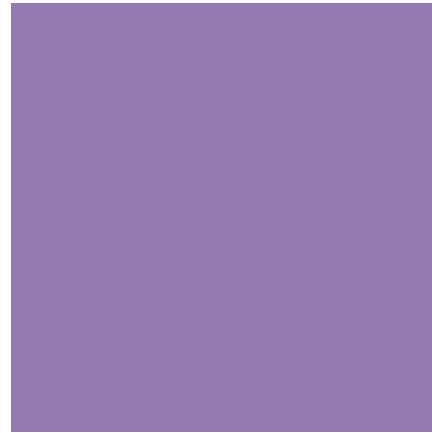
# What is life like?



Life is fun, full of happiness and joy



We have  
parties





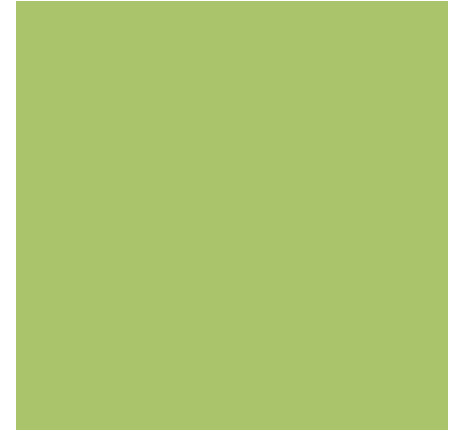


# We bake cakes





We play  
sport





# We clean and carry out maintenance on our home

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# What is our message?

Anything is possible

Embrace change

Always assume that people can

Prepare to be amazed everyday!!!

