

TAKE ACTION:

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY SIGNS

Help your young people understand and create dementia-friendly signs

SUITABLE FOR BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

1 Ask the group to discuss what would make a good sign – what colour should the background and the lettering be? How large should it be?

2 Consider particularly what makes a sign dementia friendly. For example, people with dementia might find it harder to read, so symbols and pictures might be easier to understand than words.

3 What materials would make the best sign? It should be non-reflective, as a reflective sign

could be harder for someone with dementia to read.

4 When all this has been considered, get each person in the group to make a sign for your Scout hut using the facing activity page (this can also be downloaded from scouts.org.uk/magazine).

5 When their signs have been made, show them to the group and check whether all the different criteria have been met to make them dementia friendly.



✓
Good sign



✗
Bad sign

TIME NEEDED
60–90 minutes

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Large sheets of cardboard cut from boxes
- Paints/felt-tip pens

THIS ACTIVITY LINKS WITH THE FOLLOWING BADGES



Beaver Photography Activity Badge



Cub Artist Activity Badge



Scout Artist Activity Badge



Scout Community Impact Staged Activity Badge

DISCUSSION

Discuss how people with dementia's needs are different from ours. How does poor signage affect their ability to get about?

OUTCOMES

Young people learn how to make an area more dementia-friendly, and how to understand the impact of signage on people with dementia.

TAKE IT FURTHER

Visit amillionhands.org.uk/dementia and download the Dementia Resource Pack for more ideas to help you LEARN AND DO MORE and TELL THE WORLD.

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