

## The Alzheimer's Society

### Actions taken:

- Advised carers and people with dementia at Carer Support Groups and Dementia Cafes about Assistive Technology.
- Spoken to carers about the positives and negatives of using Telecare products – I am in the process of writing up this information.
- Visited the Telecare flat in Downley. Met with Paula Brown.
- Discussed the opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to visit the Telecare flat at Dementia Cafes and Carer Support Groups
- Researched Telecare products and information/leaflets that are used in other areas i.e. other County Councils; however the range of products available seems to be the same as in Bucks.
- Asked carers for suggestions for Telecare products which are not currently available, for instance any problems around the home which cannot at present be helped by Telecare, and looked into whether these products are available elsewhere. Again I am currently recording my findings.
- Researched products that are currently available through either NRS or other companies such as [www.atdementia.org.uk](http://www.atdementia.org.uk) that we could sample and trial with our carers and people living with dementia.
- Attended the Telecare workshop at the Dementia Care Conference at the Bucks New University.
- Plans for the coming month
- Visit Makyla Greaves at the Red Cross to find out more about the Help at Home Scheme.
- Meet with Annette Hadden-Silver, Occupational Therapist and lead on Assistive Technology for some further information.

### Arrange visits to the Telecare flat.

- Look into what other Alzheimer's Society areas are currently offering in terms of Telecare and Assistive Technology.
- Continue to gather information from carers/people with dementia regarding the effectiveness of Assistive Technology and the benefits and disadvantages.
- To continue researching into Telecare products which may be helpful for people living with dementia.
- Continue writing up my report.