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## **Technology makes a difference**

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# Putting People First



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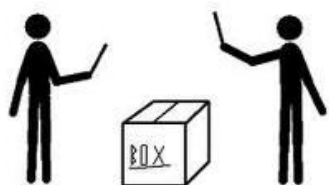
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# Personalisation – a carers experience

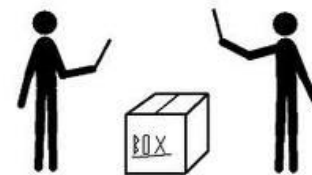


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# *The Box of Trix*



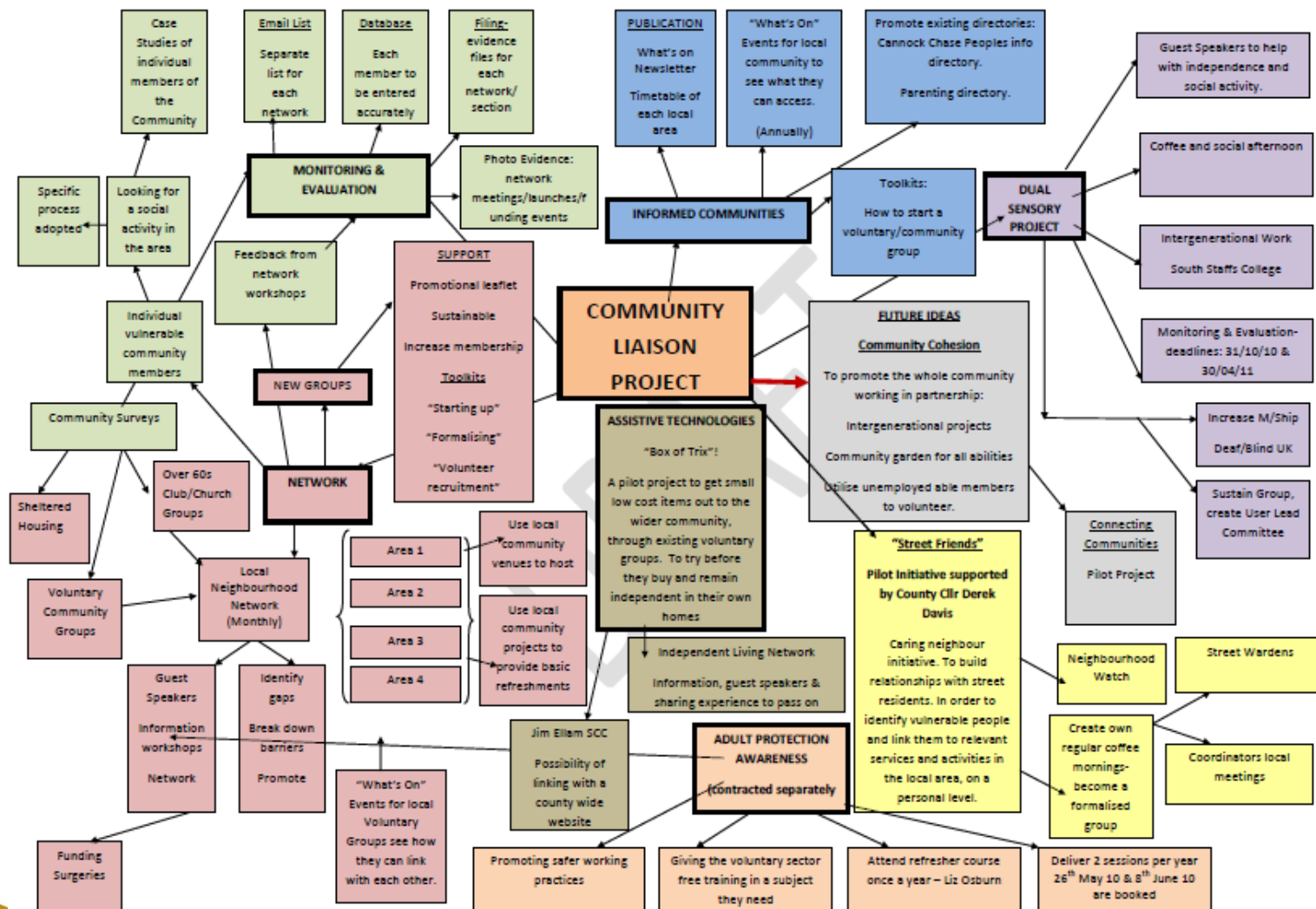
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# Localism in Cannock Chase



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You can read about services to help you stay in control of your life. Our articles will be also useful reading for carers. Products in the catalogue are available both online and locally in the VWest Midlands.

Read Kieron's column on Kieron's resident blog.

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CATEGORY

Medication Reminders (8)

PRICE

£0.00 - £100.00 (7)

£100.00 - £200.00 (1)

ALARMS PER DAY

28 (2)

ALERT TYPE

Audible (3)

Land line Telephone (1)

Visual (1)

MONITORED SERVICE

No (1)

Yes (3)

POWER

Memory & Orientation

Pivottell - Introduction to Automatic Pill Dispe...

A range of products which help with reminders, appointments, medication or just general orientation.

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COMMUNITY POLL

What do you struggle with most?

☐ Remembering appointments
 ☐ Locking up at night
 ☐ Taking medication
 ☐ Birthdays!

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#### Kieron's Blog

My name is Kieron Jones.

I attend Chase City Service and have recently been involved with Assistive Technology.

As part of the Box of Tots group in Cannock Chase I have been searching high and low for gadgets.

These can range from bottle openers, slip mats, timers etc and anything that can make life easier for people who have a physical or sensory disability.

The group got together what we call a box of "Tots".

People can try before they buy.

We are promoting these products countywide.

Please watch this space as I hope to do further write ups and bring to you the best buys out there."



Kieron Jones

[What's under 25 - what can you get](#)

The Community Gateway CIC

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This website and blog is currently a beta test site. You will be able to click a link after reading how useful Kieron says the [product](#) is, and link straight to the product page.

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# BILBROOK A SSISTIVE T ECHNOLOGY HOME



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# Mary missed her cups of tea

- Her arthritis made it hard to lift her kettle
- She struggled to prepare hot drinks
- She cancelled her weekly tea party
- She missed her friends visiting.....
- Until her new kettle arrived



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# Jane felt isolated

- Jane struggled to remember numbers.
- She only rang her family and friends when her support workers helped her dial the number.
- She had to plan making a call....
- Until she changed her phone...



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# John – “Getting my life back...”



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# How life was for John prior to using the pill dispenser



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# Outcomes for John

- Improved independence & gained control of his life.
- Significant reduction in episodes of seizures
- Improved lifestyle
  - Now able to go out with friends and undertake meaningful activities in the community
  - Undertakes voluntary work weekly
  - Improved confidence and self esteem
  - Improved communication
  - Improved ability to manage day to day activities i.e housework, tenancy issues, personal hygiene etc

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# Outcomes for Social Care and Health

- Social care input no longer required
  - John self medicating
- Significant reduction in health input
  - no recent reports of paramedics called out
  - No attendance at A & E
  - Now just routine contact with community nurses.
- Improved life style for service user
- Long term savings from short term intervention

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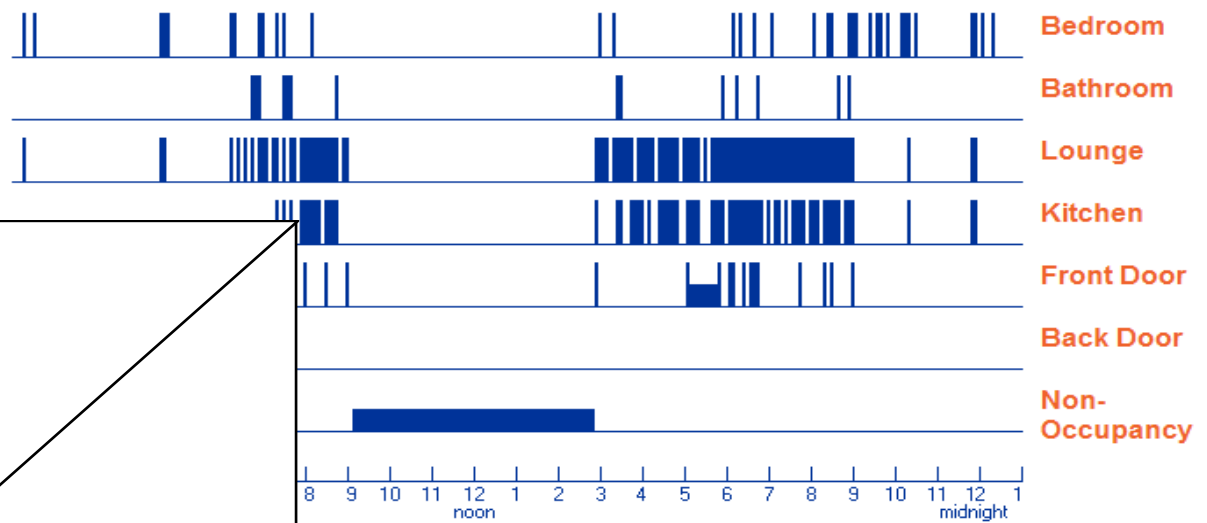
# Just Checking

The Just Checking system allows people with dementia or memory loss, to continue to live independently. It monitors a person in their home, and provides a chart of activity via the internet. **“Lifestyle monitoring”**



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It gives objective information to help plan support for people at home.

It helps right size support plans. It has shown that people with dementia often function better in their own home.

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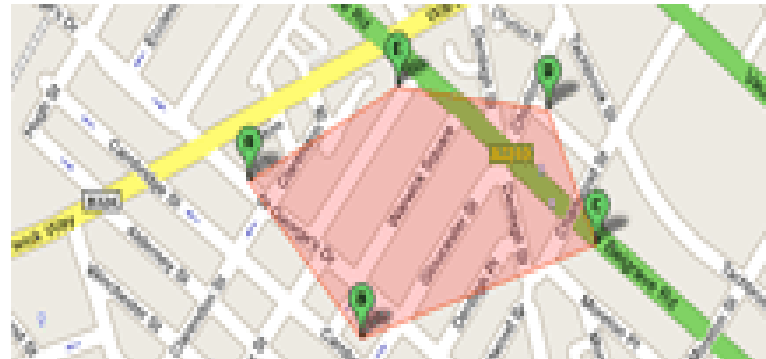
# Safer walking

- Doug is 81 with a recent diagnosis of dementia. He lives with Mary who still works part time
- Doug has always been a physically very active man and remains very healthy and continues to enjoy keeping busy
- Since retirement he has enjoyed walking but had lost confidence in going out alone
- Mary commented that he was restless at night



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# Using the BUDDI



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# Why Buddi?

- Buddi needs charging every night & Mary was able to support with this and develop a routine around it
- Doug has good insight into his memory impairment and understands why he wears the Buddi and mostly puts it on independently
- Though they do not have a computer Mary is able to use text



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# How is Life Now?

- Doug has started going for longer walks
- Mary feels calm while he is out
- Conversation is improved as if he remembers where he has been then they have something to talk about
- If he is out longer than anticipated Mary texts the BUDDi to find out where he is
- Doug is not so restless in the evenings and not “interfering with things”
- Doug is tired at night so sleeping better
- Mary is now looking forward to a holiday with him as she is confident of finding him should he wander off

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## Staffordshire Cares:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/care/olderpeople/home.aspx>

## Purple pages:

<http://www.staffordshirecares.info/HomeCommunityCare/Helpfulgizmosandgadgets.aspx>

## AskTARA:

<http://www.westmidlandsiep.gov.uk/index.php?page=746>

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# Any questions?

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