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Care UK's dementia services are recognised nationally...





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Three national awards recognise Care UK's outstanding services for people with dementia

The dedication, commitment and outstanding efforts of Care UK's staff across the country were acknowledged at the 2011 National Dementia Care Awards.

Nominated in five of the 12 categories, Care UK came away with three awards that recognise outstanding service in caring for people with dementia. The winners were announced at a ceremony held as part of the UK Dementia Congress in Liverpool.

Carole Wardle, manager of Care UK's 69-bed Station House nursing home in Crewe, was chosen as the national Best Dementia 'Dignity in Care' Champion for her pioneering work in training carers across the north-west of England.

Elaine Carruthers, manager of the Orchard Centre, a 24/7 dementia day centre in Epsom, was named Best Dementia Care Manager in a Community Setting for the ground-breaking service she has developed since joining Care UK eight years ago.

And finally, Care UK's latest specialist dementia care home Heather View, East Sussex, won the National Dementia Care Awards Best Dementia Interior Design category. To find out more about Heather View see the next feature, opposite.

Award winning new home praised by dementia experts

Heather View, Care UK's latest specialist dementia care home, has won acclaim from dementia experts nationwide for its innovative use of space and design which is helping residents to live more independent and fulfilled lives.

The 74-bed home, which officially opened in Crowborough, East Sussex, in September, centres around an indoor village green, which features an old-fashioned tearoom, a coffee shop, hair salon, village shop, post-box and cinema.

The home was the winner of the National Dementia Care Awards Best Dementia Interior Design category with judges praising its "real focus on community and local involvement" and describing it as a "design for the future".

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Project Manager Sara Goodwin said: "We are all delighted to have won the award. It is a beautiful home that has been designed not just to be easy to live in, but fun to live in too".

"Our residents love it and so do their families because not only do they get to see their loved ones looking happy, relaxed and well in their new home, they can also share in the facilities. The village green is definitely a big hit with grandchildren and residents tell us that they enjoy being able to have lunch with friends and family at the coffee shop and then watching a film at the cinema."

The search is on for regional specialist dementia trainers

Care UK has been delighted with its recent pilot study which showed that innovative new training techniques combined with changes to the surroundings in its care homes, dramatically increased the well-being of residents with dementia. As a result we're now getting ready to roll-out our dementia programme to the rest of our 88 care homes and day centres.

We are now looking to recruit three regional specialist dementia trainers who will be responsible for encouraging and supporting Care UK's dementia philosophy across our services.

The trainers will deliver our revolutionary experiential training to all staff including

administrators, catering and maintenance staff as well as carers and they will work closely with our dementia leads. They will also carry out wellbeing and environmental audits and help home managers to incorporate the environmental enhancements that have helped to make the enormous increases in resident wellbeing possible.

Maizie Mears-Owen, who devised the training, said: "We are looking for some very special people; not only must they understand the subject, they must be creative, flexible and compassionate".

For further information or to apply for one of the roles please email rcsrecruitment@careuk.com

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