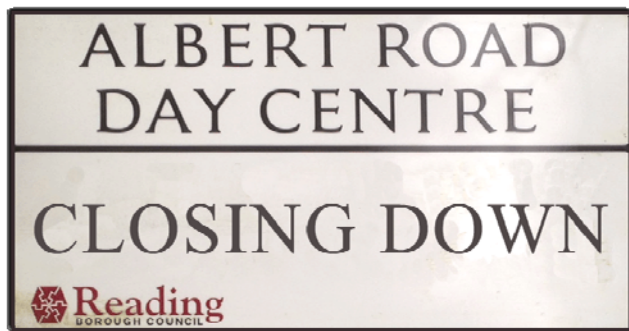


Adult Care Matters

On 1 July, the Labour Administration of Reading Borough Council used its majority to close the Arthur Clark Care Home and Albert Road Day Centre.



Cllr Mark Ralph and Ms Lu Cozma (Caversham resident and campaigner and activist for Arthur Clark Care Home and Albert Road Day Care) have joined forces to register an interest in the site for the Community, under the Localism Act, and secure the right to bid for it, if the Council should put it up for sale.

Cllr Ralph says: "I am a staunch advocate of 'Local Care for Local People' and if this site is closed and sold, it will be lost forever."

Cllr Ralph and Ms Cozma are also seeking a group of local residents with the skills required to act as managers, administrators or trustees of a Caversham Day Care Service, for Caversham people.

Who do we need?

- Minimum 21 Caversham residents to support a Community Bid for the Albert Road site and manage the process if it becomes available
- Residents from Caversham or neighbouring areas to act as managers, administrators or trustees of a Caversham Day Care Service
- Organisations prepared to work pro bono on the development of an appropriate and viable business model
- Qualified Carers and day care Managers able to work with day care users and interested in joining and developing a compassionate, user-focused and independent Caversham Day Care Service available, for a new Care Home, with day care facility

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- Owners of properties in Caversham that might be suitable venues for day care service provision, for one or more days per week
- Carers and older residents who would be interested in using an independent Caversham-based service
- Potential sponsors and commercial Care Home Companies that might be interested in acquisition and development of the Arthur Clark/Albert Road site if it becomes available



Lu Cozma



Cllr Mark Ralph

If Local Care for Local People matters to you:

This is an opportunity to Save Caversham Day Care for Caversham People.

- ♦ Contact us to pledge your support or find out how you might be able to help.
- ♦ Follow our activity on Twitter: **CavDayCare** and **Councillor1UK**
- ♦ Please retweet and invite others to join us
- ♦ Join us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityActionForCavershamDayCare>
- ♦ Follow Mark's comments on <http://www.peppardward.com>

Contact Cllr Mark Ralph if you can play a part!

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