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Dementia rise sparks change

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A Fylde coast care home company is investing £200,000 to convert one of its premises to cater for the increasing number of people with dementia.

Lake View Rest Homes is to transform its Lake View Lodge centre to increase beds from 28 to 32 and offer a whole range of facilities and person-centred care to cater for people with the condition.

It will have purpose considered decor, textures, music and lighting, and an activity co-ordinator who provides daily meaningful and relevant activities.

In September its sensory garden will open where purpose built design features will include a colourful circular path, sights and smells which evoke memories of the past, skilled lighting, textures, colours and music to enhance the sensory experience.

Bus-stops and benches will encourage reminiscence, and outdoor activities aim to improve the quality of life for residents.

Director Pete Wood said: "Our family owned and op-



Shaun Singh and Ernest Woodcock. Inset, Nick Wood

erated homes reflect the differing requirements and preferences of our residents.



"We offer traditional living at Lakeview Lodge, classic living at Rosewood Lodge, contemporary lifestyle in The Moorings; and dementia care at Newfield Lodge.

"However we have seen an increasing need for dementia provision and in response to

this Lakewood Lodge is being redesigned as a home providing skilled dementia care.

Ava Makepeace, sales and relationship manager, said: "It is estimated that there are more than 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over one million by 2025.

"In this year alone some 225,000 individuals will develop dementia - that's approximately one person every three minutes.

"It is becoming a critically important issue, in terms of both the high personal and social costs related to the dis-

ease, and the wider impact on other parts of the health and care system. We are hoping that members of the public will take this opportunity to see the beautiful new rooms that are now available."

Fellow director Nick Wood, who has been responsible for the design changes said: "The concept behind the Lakeview Lodge transition to dementia care is to use our successful experience with dementia to create both inside and outside sensory stimulation for residents, with an environment and activities to improve their quality of life."

Food firm set for £7m investment

Food giant Quorn is pumping a further £7m into a new product development centre in a move that will create hundreds of jobs at its North Yorkshire site following a 12 per cent jump in half-year sales.

The company said it logged £112m in like-for-like sales in the first six months of the year, up from around £100m during the same period in 2017.

It has now announced a further £7m investment in its new "Global Innovation Centre", which will break ground

this summer and be based at its headquarters in Stokesley, North Yorkshire.

The site will help bolster its capabilities in fermenting non-meat proteins - which are core to its products - and aid in product development. Quorn said it will help create "hundreds of jobs" in the region over the next five years.

Quorn has been capitalising on a growing appetite for meat-free products amid the growing popularity of vegan and vegetarian lifestyles.

Share Watch

MAJOR INDICES

Index	Price	+/-	+/-%
FTSE 100	7655.79	-23.00	-0.30
FTSE 250	20770.38	-155.30	-0.74
CAC 40	5378.25	-20.07	-0.37
Dax Xetra	12548.57	-12.85	-0.10
Dow Jones (at 6pm)	25044.00	-14.12	-0.06
Nikkei 225	22396.99	-300.89	-1.33

WINNERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	+/-	Company	Price	+/-
Ocado Gp	1143	+5.54	Ascential	433½	-5.66
TI Fluid Systems	256	+4.07	Elementis	247½	-4.19
Euromny Inst	1390	+3.73	Moneysuprmkt	302	-4.13
Sirius Minerals	34½	+3.50	Taylor Wimpey	170½	-3.95
WPP	1191	+3.12	Workspace Gp	1077	-3.93
Clarkson	2460	+2.71	Rathbone Bros	2518	-3.67
Just Group	124½	+2.30	Big Yellow Gp	940	-3.59
DCC	7170	+2.14	Bellway	2857	-3.54
Premier Oil	123½	+2.07	Bovis Homes Gp	1112	-3.47
BGE0 Group	1807½	+1.97	Redrow	519½	-3.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Rate	Country	Rate
Australia (A\$)	1.6772	New Zealand (\$)	1.7951
Canada (C\$)	1.6431	Norway (kr)	10.25
Czech Rep	26.62	Philippines (ps)	60.15
Denmark (kr)	7.9416	Poland (zl)	4.2579
Egypt (pd)	20.80	Singapore (S\$)	1.6681
Euro	1.0694	Sth Africa (rnd)	16.58
Hong Kong (\$)	9.7802	Sth Korea (wn)	1293.00
Hungary (ft)	327.11	Sweden (kr)	11.11
India (rp)	79.54	Switzerland (fr)	1.2406
Israel (sh)	4.2979	Taiwan (\$)	35.13
Japan (Y)	138.76	Thailand (baht)	39.19
Malaysia (rg)	5.0003	Turkey (lira)	5.9137
Mexico (ps)	22.31	USA (US\$)	1.2539

FTSE 100

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BIBAs nominees must 'get social'

A Lancashire networking group has called upon the county's businesses to take to social media to promote their successes in the run up to a leading business awards.

Maria Coupe, of Shout Network, which provides business networking across the North West, said the finalists of this year's Be Inspired Business Awards, The BIBAs, had used its recent judging

rounds to support their business using their own social media channels. She called on the finalists in the awards' 18 categories to use the build-up to the ceremony to continue to promote themselves. Shout



Network is the social media partner of the BIBAs which will announce the winners of its awards at a ceremony at The Blackpool Tower on September 14.

Maria Coupe added: "Social media is no longer

something people use to simply exchange holiday snaps, it is a place where people turn when they are looking for products and services and that provides a huge opportunity. The BIBAs are a hallmark of quality for businesses in Lancashire and they provide an opportunity to tell customers about the great things which the people who work in these businesses are doing."