

Diane Cash

My name is Diane Cash and I just completed Art & design level one and it's given me the inspiration to continue with my level two starting in September.

When I was 16 I wanted to do art and the college I was going to go to had a sit in with students and I thought I couldn't do it. I did floristry and then I went into nursing.

Now I'm retired this is my time to go and do my art thing. They give you the tones and textures and they give you the encouragement. Being part of a group you all gel together and socially it's lovely as well. A lot of us are mature students and it gives us something that feels worthwhile and we can enjoy.

I love pen sketching with watercolour on top and I also love the richness of colours and tones. With my watercolour class I learnt a lot about the types of strokes with brushes and the different types of sponges or different things you can use within painting.

Dementia was a shock to me and I couldn't come to terms with it but in fact it's been quite positive. It's made me realise I've got a brain so use it, continue my studying. So I've been going to English and I've been going to maths and I do acrylic class I do watercolour. Through Tamsin, doing this art and design level one, it's given me the encouragement to do my level two. My aim, if possible, is to do a foundation art course. We'll see, let's just go for it because you've got so much support from your tutors whether it be maths, English or any topic. They give you such encouragement and socially it's very good because you meet other people. It just expands your experiences.