

How to post a new thread and reply to an existing thread

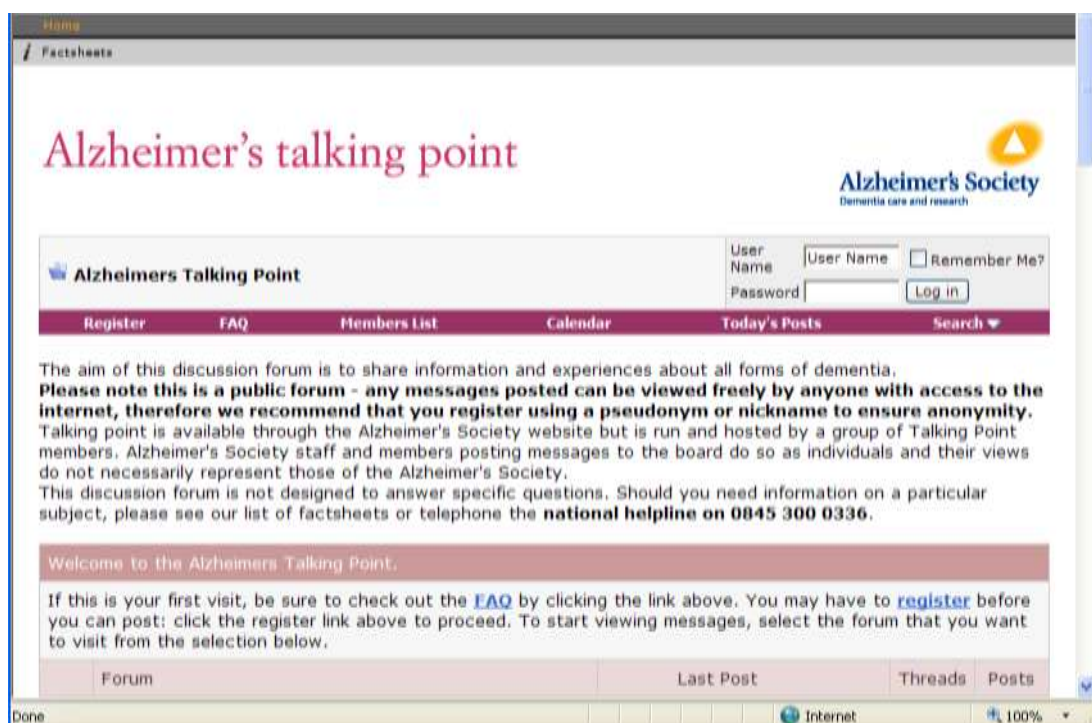
Getting into Talking Point

Step 1

Anyone can browse the contents of the Talking Point forum. There is no need to register as a member unless you might want to post something there.

Go to the Talking Point first page [<http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/talkingpoint/discuss>]

If you are not already logged in, you will see this screen:



If you simply want to look at whatever is on the forum, there is no need to register or log in – you can just go ahead.

If you wish to post anything, or send a Private Message, you will need to be a registered member.

To register as a member, press the **Register** button on the top menu line:



Once you have registered, you can Log In.

Step 2.

Log in to post anything.

Enter your **User Name**, the **Password** you have chosen, and click on the **Remember Me?** box. This will save your needing to log in every time you want to use Talking Point.

 Remember Me?

The screenshot shows the Alzheimer's Society website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Factsheets'. The main heading is 'Alzheimer's talking point' in pink. To the right is the Alzheimer's Society logo with the tagline 'Dementia care and research'. Below the heading is a login form with fields for 'User Name' (containing 'Brucie') and 'Password' (masked with dots). A 'Remember Me?' checkbox is checked, and a 'Log in' button is present. Below the login form is a navigation bar with links: 'Register', 'FAQ', 'Members List', 'Calendar', 'Today's Posts', and 'Search'. The main content area contains a welcome message and instructions: 'The aim of this discussion forum is to share information and experiences about all forms of dementia. Please note this is a public forum - any messages posted can be viewed freely by anyone with access to the internet, therefore we recommend that you register using a pseudonym or nickname to ensure anonymity. Talking point is available through the Alzheimer's Society website but is run and hosted by a group of Talking Point members. Alzheimer's Society staff and members posting messages to the board do so as individuals and their views do not necessarily represent those of the Alzheimer's Society. This discussion forum is not designed to answer specific questions. Should you need information on a particular subject, please see our list of factsheets or telephone the national helpline on 0845 300 0336.' Below this is a 'Welcome to the Alzheimers Talking Point.' message and further instructions: 'If this is your first visit, be sure to check out the FAQ by clicking the link above. You may have to register before you can post: click the register link above to proceed. To start viewing messages, select the forum that you want to visit from the selection below.' At the bottom, there is a table with columns for 'Forum', 'Last Post', 'Threads', and 'Posts'. The browser's address bar shows 'Internet' and the zoom level is set to 100%.

Once the login is successful, the screen will welcome you and show your Private Messages if you have them enabled:

The screenshot shows a welcome message for a user named 'Brucie'. The text reads: 'Welcome, Brucie. You last visited: Today at 01:22 PM. Private Messages: Unread 0, Total 129.' The 'Private Messages' text is a blue hyperlink.