

Berwick & District Friends of Dementia

Chairman's Annual Report

2024 – 2025

Introduction

This is the Chairman's annual report on behalf of the Trustees of Berwick & District Friends of Dementia, first registered as a charity on 11 September 2017 –charity number 1174583.

The report covers the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

The organisation's forwarding address is:

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Mission Statement

Berwick & District Friends of Dementia exists to support persons in Berwick-upon-Tweed and surrounding area who have a diagnosis of dementia, together with their family and carers.

Aims and objectives

Berwick & District Friends of Dementia aims to provide support and encouragement to persons suffering from mild to moderate dementia, and their families and carers, by means of social opportunities and a range of appropriate leisure activities.

Achievements and performance

The organisation's principal undertaking is Alz Cafe, which is held each Thursday from 1030 to 1230 at a hired premises in Berwick-upon-Tweed. Here refreshments are provided for members, and there is time and space for socializing and to undertake stimulating activities.

There are currently 34 members and 5 volunteers. We also welcome anyone interested in visiting us to observe how we operate.

Financial report and accounts

Berwick & District Friends of Dementia has benefited during the year from many generous donations made by organisations and individuals from Berwick and the surrounding area.

Donations have been received this year totalling an amazing £15786.

Main areas of expenditure were rent for premises - £1560; transport costs - £1287; group activities - £1646, outings and events £7548.

Income exceeded expenditure by £5785 this year; our bank balance at 31 March 2024 was £42030, £5500 up on the previous year.

Activities

Regular activities have included singing, massage therapies, poetry reading, seated yoga and drumming for fun, bingo and a beetle drive, as well as the usual variety of indoor and tabletop games. There were outings to various shows and pantomimes, the annual boat trip on the River Tweed, and celebrations of St Andrews Day and Burns Day. There were coach trips to Kelso Garden Centre and the Alnwick Garden.

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Signed

Name Derek Forshaw

Chairman

Date 17 November 2025

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Berwick & District Friends of Dementia Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2025	2023-2024		2024 - 2025	
2	Opening Balance		41234.58		36246.64
3	Income				
4	Membership	200.00		170.00	
5	Weekly Subs	876.04		967.81	
6	Donations	6917.90		15786.12	
7	Grants	0.00		0.00	
8	Sundries	353.60		50.00	
9	Fundraising & Events	1220.00		2713.26	
10	Total Income		9567.54		19687.19
12	Expenditure				
13	Bank Charges	0.00		0.00	
14	Rent	2009.60		1560.00	
15	Insurance	195.20		205.20	
16	Stationery/Postages	157.03		257.10	
17	Advertising & Promotion	0.00		58.87	
18	Catering	529.93		590.70	
19	Equipment	0.00		233.55	
20	Sundries	366.07		464.84	
21	Transport	1818.20		1287.50	
22	Group Activities	2840.29		1646.52	
23	Volunteer Costs	160.00		50.00	
24	Outings & Events	6479.16		7548.68	
25	Total Expenditure		14555.48		13902.96
27	Excess of Income over Expenditure		-4987.94		5784.23
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29	BALANCE		36246.64		42030.87
30	Statement of Assets & Liabilities				
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32	Balance on Income and Expenditure Account		31st March 2024		31st March 2025
33	Bank Balance		36442.24		42030.87
34	Cash in Hand		0.00		0.00
35	Uncleared Cheques		195.60		0.00
36	TOTAL		36246.64		42030.87
37	SIGNED: <i>Linda Yearlly</i>				
38	TREASURER	Date <i>1st October 2025</i>			