

Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside)

Charity No. 1183245

Trustees Annual Report

01.04.20 – 31.03.21



Trustees

Roy William BATE - Life President/Treasurer

Vivian Anne SHILTON - Chair

Carrol ASHTON - Secretary

Beryl WALKER - Liaison Officer

Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Foundation Constitution Governing Document

Principal Address - 61d Leicester Road, Failsworth, Manchester M34 0GW

The objects of the CIO are:

TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA TOGETHER WITH THEIR CARERS LIVING IN TAMESIDE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY PROVIDING EDUCATION, TRAINING, INFORMATION AND ADVICE, SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS AT REGULAR SESSIONS, AND TO HAVE A RESOURCE OF ACTIVITIES WHICH PROVIDE STIMULATION FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA TO HELP IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEM AND THEIR CARERS

Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside) is a Tameside based group set up in 2013 by Carers of people living with a diagnosis of Dementia within the Borough and surrounding areas. It has grown from strength to strength and was granted CIO status on 3rd May 2019.

The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and take this guidance into account when making any relevant decisions regarding the operation of the Group.

Registered Attendees numbered approximately 100 prior to Covid 19 but unfortunately, the numbers will be lower when we regroup having regard to the sad loss of some attendees and others now requiring 24-hour care in residential homes due to deterioration of condition, some of it, we believe exacerbated by the effects of Covid Lockdowns and lack of social interaction. We will endeavour to attract new attendees by way of our online and poster advertising campaigns. The group is named and has contact details within the Advice Pack issued by the Memory Team to all newly diagnosed patients within the area. Buddies has a highly active social media platform and Trustees will continue to utilise every opportunity to promote the group facilities by attending open days and Health and Social Events where leaflets are distributed inviting eligible diagnosed persons and Carers to attend the weekly meet and other organised trips/events as soon as restrictions allow.

Forget-Me-Not Buddies specifically offers subsidised social activities and interaction for persons living with Dementia and their Carers - it offers support from people who have 'walked the full path' of the Dementia journey, from diagnosis to beyond demise of the diagnosed. Carers are welcome to continue attending Buddies even when the diagnosed can no longer do so, in fact some of our volunteers began as Carers attending with their loved ones. Attendees see Buddies as a 'close family' who share the highs

and the lows whilst continuing to enjoy life as much as possible whilst on their journey. Buddies does not have 'talks' from organisations or have any link whatsoever with any of the National Charities, it is totally independent and promotes itself as a social club for Carers and their Cared For. Attendees know when they attend Buddies that they are there for a good time with people in a similar situation, in a safe environment where Carers and Cared For can interact without the need to explain the behaviours present with Dementia. A few hours of release from the daily pressure this illness brings to Carers and diagnosed.

Forget-Me-Not Buddies Trustees work hard and under normal circumstances ensure a varied and full agenda of events and activities for Attendees to look forward to and enjoy, including a weekly 'Club' with refreshments and live entertainment, regular Ten Pin and Crown Green Bowling, various day trips (which usually include food and entertainment/shopping) and even a 4-day seaside holiday. Another important aspect for the Trustees is fundraising and grant applications to enable all events, refreshments, trips and travel costs to be subsidised as much as possible.

2020 was an extremely difficult year for everyone, but in particular for those deemed 'High Risk' and vulnerable. Restrictions and Lockdown had a great impact on our Carers and their Cared For causing a great deterioration in those living with a diagnosis of Dementia along with adding even more stress and strain to the Carers and loved ones.

We as Trustees tried our very best to keep the 'family' feeling alive within the group - we set up a WhatsApp Group which was, and continues to be, very active on a daily basis, this along with our Facebook Group and Page served to keep us all 'chatting' to each other; For those not computer or smartphone savvy we kept in touch by our Liaison Officer (Beryl) telephoning members at least once a week for a chat - as well as receiving many calls in response.

We believe that we supported our members to the best of our ability throughout 2020 and will continue to do so, having regard to the restrictions as current at the time. Between April 2020 and April 2021 Forget-Me-Not Buddies arranged the following for their Attendees:

During Lockdown (Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2020) we arranged for over 80 Afternoon Cream Teas to be delivered to every member and volunteer at a cost of £962 from a local Tameside Tea Rooms. We provided a printed Stay Safe card for inclusion in each box from Buddies;

We arranged to deliver over 90 bottles of hand sanitiser to members and volunteers - sanitiser and bottles donated by Tameside Distillery - we purchased Forget-Me-Not Buddies 'Stay Safe' labels for the bottles at a cost of £9.01;

We purchased Forget-Me-Not Buddies branded Covid PPE - 100 Forget-Me-Not Buddies branded Face Masks £290.40 and 50 Forget-Me-Not Buddies branded 'I am exempt from wearing a Face Covering' badges £39.90 - which were delivered to members and volunteers by the Trustees;

December an Xmas Party Tray was delivered to each member and volunteer, along with a card, Forget-Me-Not Buddies branded Mug, Coaster and chocolates or biscuits; members with food allergies were also catered for on each occasion a tray was delivered throughout the year;

February 2021 saw the delivery of a Valentines Cream Tea to every member and volunteer;

March 2021 Easter Eggs and cards were delivered to everyone.

When restriction variations allowed, we arranged group get togethers in a full Covid Safe environment. We managed to do this on 28th September 2020, 19th October 2020, 2nd November 2020 and 30th November 2020.

2 Covid Safe Coach Trips were arranged 23rd September 2020 to York and 14th October 2020 to Canon Hall Farm and Garden Centre.

We felt it extremely important to support our members as much as we could during the unprecedented times, getting them out to relieve the stress and social isolation.

We also had enquiries from people looking for support having been recently diagnosed or hearing about Buddies and caring for a loved one with a diagnosis. More people starting the journey who will hopefully become part of the Buddies Family.

MEET THE TEAM- Trustees & Volunteers



ROY BATE
Life President/
Treasurer (Trustee)



VIV SHILTON
Chair
(Trustee)



BERYL WALKER
Liaison Officer
(Trustee)



CARROL ASHTON
Secretary
(Trustee)



SHEILA CLARKE



RAY CORBETT



DOT DAVISON



DAVE DAVISON



LOL DENNISE



KATH DOWSON



ERIC KENNY



KATH MORRELL



ANNE SKEPPER

We hope you have enjoyed reading our 2nd Annual Trustees Report. It's been an unusual year and some of our 'activities' were halted, but we are in a very strong position as a Group. We will continue throughout the 'new normal' to provide support and social interaction to all those that wish to avail themselves of it and strive to get back to the 'old normal' with live entertainment, dancing and 'hugs' as soon as we possibly can.

Roy, Viv, Beryl & Carol

Trustees
05.06.21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside)

1183245

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01.04.2020

To

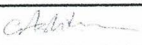
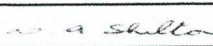
Period end date
31.03.2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant - Tameside Community Fund	-	-	-	-	11,000
Donations	6,006	-	-	6,006	7,864
Door Takings	58	-	-	58	4,906
Sales of Goods (Table Top)	75	-	-	75	374
Attendee Trip Contributions	291	-	-	291	6,918
Fundraising (Raffles, Cards)	-	-	-	-	525
Sundries	53	-	-	53	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,483	-	-	6,483	31,587
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,483	-	-	6,483	31,587
A3 Payments					
Trips & Events (including Coach Travel)	1,269	-	-	1,269	11,295
Attendee Gifts & Deliveries	2,831	-	-	2,831	311
Refreshments (including Parties)	219	-	-	219	1,330
Equipment (including PPE)	290	-	-	290	725
Fundraising (Raffles, Cards)	-	-	-	-	72
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	2,070
Entertainment	-	-	-	-	2,400
Stationery	327	-	-	327	580
Public Liability Insurance	229	-	-	229	222
Training	-	-	-	-	186
Legal Costs	-	-	-	-	375
Membership & Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	60
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-	19
Accountancy Fees	305	-	-	305	-
Sundries	92	-	-	92	-
Sub total	5,562	-	-	5,562	19,645
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,562	-	-	5,562	19,645
Net of receipts/(payments)	921	-	-	921	11,942
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,077	6,563	-	23,640	11,698
Cash funds this year end	17,998	6,563	-	24,561	23,640

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	17,888	6,563	-
	Monday Club Petty Cash	110		-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	17,998	6,563	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Carrol Ashton	5th June 2021
		Vivian Ann Shilton	5th June 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183245

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year period covering 03/05/2019 to 31/03/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 12th July 2021

Name: Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

Licensed Accountant regulated by the Association of Accounting Technicians (licence number 1003659)

Address: Foxfields, 9 Norley Close, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 2RA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

None