



**FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES
(TAMESIDE)**

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended
31 March 2025**

FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)

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FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Organisation Name	Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside)
Charity Number	1183245
Address	61D Leicester Road Failsworth Manchester M35 0GW
Trustees	Roy William Bate BEM Vivian Anne Shilton Carrol Ashton Beryl Walker Joanne McDonald (appointed on 05/04/2024)
Accountants	Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C. Foxfields 9 Norley Close Chadderton Oldham OL1 2RA
Bankers	Santander Bootle Merseyside L30 4GB



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

**Charity name: Forget-Me-Not Buddies
(Tameside)**

Charity registration number: 1183245



Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	As previous years Buddies continues to offer a range of supplemented activities to the attendees. In the financial year being reported upon there have been 46 weekly Monday Club sessions (only closed Bank Holidays and Christmas/New Year week) comprising of Live Entertainment, Bingo, Dancing, Theme events/parties all with refreshments ranging from tea/coffee with biscuits/cakes to full blown buffets and hot meals. In addition to this there is a monthly group event Ten-Pin Bowling, a monthly group event to a local Pub/Restaurant for live entertainment and a further monthly 'coach trip' offering various options – shopping/entertainment, hotel meal/entertainment, train rides/meals, canal boat excursions – all are a full day with coach travel paid by club funds and other activity costs supplemented by club funds.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	All Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have taken this guidance into account when making any decision it is relevant to.

Additional information

Policy on grant making	Forget-Me-Not Buddies does not make grants to any other individual, organisation or charity
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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Forget-Me-Not Buddies holds no investments and holds the funds it has as general operating monies and reserves in one main Business/Charity account. The funds serve as a contingency plan to allow the group support to continue and operate in the event that income dwindles (i.e. Covid closure when we continued to support from a distance by delivering food, masks, hand sanitiser and smaller group activities as allowed by the guidelines at that time to our cared for and carers). We have not applied for any grants or assistance in this financial year and have no plans to do so in the near future.
Contribution made by volunteers	Forget-Me-Not Buddies is totally reliant on it's Trustees and Volunteers – without them the group would not exist. Trustees and Volunteers make the same monetary contributions (for Refreshments) as attendees at Monday Club albeit they are there to serve the attendees their refreshments and assist with the socialising aspects – dancing, bingo, quiz etc. No individual Trustee or Volunteer receives any payment for any of their time. We currently have 11 long standing Volunteers in addition to the 5 Trustees (16 in total).

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Forget-Me-Not Buddies continues to be one of – if not the, biggest Dementia Support group in Tameside. More members are now joining from further afield. Our details are given out in GP surgeries, included in the documentation handed out at the Memory Clinic and word-of-mouth also brings in new people needing our support. We have a private Facebook Group and a public page where non-attendees can see what events we are offering. We have a WhatsApp group that is active and our Attendees and Volunteers chat on a daily basis. We are proud to say that Forget-Me-Not Buddies is very well known in the Tameside and surrounding areas.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Forget-Me-Not Buddies continues to thrive and has sufficient reserves to ensure continuation of the group in the future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Forget-Me-Not Buddies holds the funds it has as general operating monies and reserves in one main Business/Charity account. The funds serve as a contingency plan to allow the group support to continue and operate in the event that income dwindles (i.e. Covid closure when we continued to support from a distance by delivering food, masks, hand sanitiser and smaller group activities as allowed by the guidelines at that time to our cared for and carers). We have not applied for any grants or

	assistance in this financial year and have no plans to do so in the near future.
Amount of reserves held	General operating monies and reserves at end of financial year stand at £44,954.27
<i>Reasons for holding zero reserves</i>	N/A
<i>Details of fund materially in deficit</i>	N/A
<i>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</i>	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Main Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Finding Volunteers who want the responsibility of being a Trustee is very difficult, and due to the requirement for the support of our group we find that people interested are 'of an age'. We currently have 5 Trustees – 4 original Trustees from registration who are happy to continue in post – agreed at AGM – and one additional Trustee who originally attended as a Carer and following the loss of her husband volunteered to become a Trustee.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Forget-Me-Not Buddies (Tameside)
Other name the charity uses	Buddies
Registered charity number	1183245
Charity's principal address	c/o 61d Leicester Road Failsworth Manchester M35 0GW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roy William BATE BEM	Life President		
2	Vivian Ann SHILTON	Chair		
3	Carrol ASHTON	Secretary/Treasurer		
4	Joanne McDONALD	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer		
5	Beryl WALKER	Attendee Liaison & Welfare		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A	N/A	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

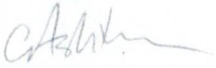
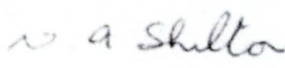
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carrol Ashton	Vivian Ann SHILTON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary/Treasurer	Chair
Date	01.06.25	

FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ~ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

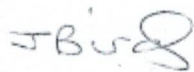
Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 March 2025.

I can 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 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



21st July 2025

Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.
Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C.
Foxfields
9 Norley Close
Chadderton
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OL1 2RA

FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Notes				
RECEIPTS					
Grants		-	-	-	-
Donations		6,604	-	6,604	8,803
Attendee Trip Contributions		13,402	-	13,402	12,644
Fundraising		4,930	-	4,930	5,273
Ten Pin Bowling		-	-	-	42
Refunds		65	-	65	77
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Monday Club					
Entrance Fees		8,187	-	8,187	8,958
Donations		862	-	862	1,343
Fundraising		83	-	83	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		34,133	-	34,133	37,140
PAYMENTS					
Trips & Events		14,478	-	14,478	12,998
Coach Hire		4,795	-	4,795	6,045
Attendee Gifts & Deliveries		993	-	993	840
Refreshments (including Parties)		2,609	-	2,609	2,180
Equipment		425	-	425	310
Fundraising (Raffles & Cards)		1,753	-	1,753	1,723
Ten Pin Bowling		192	-	192	199
Bingo Tickets & Prizes		38	-	38	129
Photographs		-	-	-	-
Room Hire		1,680	-	1,680	-
Entertainment		265	-	265	265
Postage, Printing & Stationery		640	-	640	941
Insurance		270	-	270	270
Subscriptions & Licences		80	-	80	80
Accountancy Fees		495	-	495	495
Trustee & Volunteer Training		533	-	533	-
Sundries		12	-	12	17
Monday Club					
Entertainment (Artists)		4,620	-	4,620	4,400
Room Hire		1,800	-	1,800	1,430
Refunds		-	-	-	81
Prizes		-	-	-	-
Resources		-	-	-	-
Sundries		30	-	30	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		35,708	-	35,708	32,403
Net of receipts/(payments)		(1,575)	-	(1,575)	4,737
Cash funds as at 31 March 2024	2	46,629	-	46,629	41,892
Cash funds as at 31 March 2025	2	<u>45,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,054</u>	<u>46,629</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

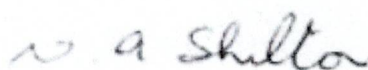
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds As at 31/03/25 £	Restricted Funds As at 31/03/25 £	Total Funds As at 31/03/25 £	Total Funds As at 31/03/24 £
CASH FUNDS				
Bank	44,954	-	44,954	46,609
Petty Cash	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>45,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,054</u>	<u>46,629</u>

LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination

£
495

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 19th of July 2025 and signed on their behalf:



Vivian Anne Shilton
Chair



Carrol Ashton
Secretary/Treasurer

FORGET-ME-NOT BUDDIES (TAMESIDE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1 April 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds	46,629	34,133	(35,708)	-	45,054
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,629</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>(35,708)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,054</u>