

Buckden Making Memories

Report to Buckden Parish Council, February 2025

This report provides an update on the financial position of the Buckden Making Memories group, including information on the sources of funding and the anticipated financial position at 31st March 2025; it confirms numbers given to the BPC Vice-Chairman previously.

As many at BPC will be aware, the group was set up in early 2024 as part of the local Integrated Network Hub activities. Buckden Making Memories' arrangements were established through a partnership between the NHS, HDC, CCC and local volunteers.

Funds for the regular operational costs of the group were given in 2023 by the local NHS network (donation) and in 2024 two grants (EoE Coop via CCF and CCC, Caring Together). BPC hosts these funds, as part of their interaction with the Integrated Network hub and none of this funding may be used for any other BPC activity.

- These funds are therefore classified as "Restricted Reserves"
- They present on EDGE expenditure records differently to other payments but are fully covered as "Reserve Movements" within the EDGE accounting system.

Known costs for all sessions, equipment and training since it was established show that by using the two grants optimally in 2024-25 the **Buckden Making Memories group will have a remaining restricted reserve of £5,535 at the end of March 2025**. This is the balance before the donation from BPC to support the costs of the dementia bus training for the community which we understand was agreed by Council.

This carried forward balance is at least sufficient to cover the recurrent costs to run the group for at least 18 months from 01 April 2025, before any further grants or contributions are obtained.

Detailed records of expenditure from EDGE and knowledge of commitments already in place has been shared between the Lead Volunteer for group finance and the Clerk (as RFO).

If any Councillors or members of the public wish to find out more about the group, please use the contact details on our updated posters and our new A5 Flyers which are available around the parish.

Information prepared on behalf of Volunteers, Buckden Making Memories group.

Virtual Dementia Training (Dementia Bus) Thursday 03 April 2025 Buckden Village hall

Sessions 10.0am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Training, debrief, tea/coffee and biscuits