

Beckvale Community Car Scheme
Annual Report
April 2017-March 2018

We finished the last financial year with no funds left as a result of the popularity of the scheme meaning that drivers were paid expenses for the last quarter of 2017 from this year's budget. This year, with passengers paying 75% of the fare instead of 50%, the scheme is in a healthier financial state than in previous years.

This year the council has maintained the same level of funding as in the previous 4 years so I am looking to both Parish Councils to do the same.

Below is a report showing how the grant has been spent and the number of trips undertaken this year by the scheme. I have broken them down by destination and cost. There are also expenses shown which include the cost of telephone calls which because many of our customers now use mobile phones and not landlines are starting to impact on my bill.

Grant from Sth Norfolk District Council £1173
Grant from Pulham Market £586
Grant from Pulham St Mary £586
Total Income £2346

Total Number of journeys 312
Expenses for year £128
Total Cost of Journeys £1304-30p
Total outgoings £1432-30p
Balance 913-70p

There does appear this year to have been a drop in the number of people requiring our services and if this continues into the next year then the funding requirement may be less. I will keep track over the coming year of usage and keep everybody with an interest informed, although to maintain our grant from Sth Norfolk, I do report the number of journeys monthly. Copies of these detailed lists of journeys can be provided to the Parish Councils if required.

Our biggest headache now is the lack of volunteer drivers. Last year we tried recruiting with me being available at the Brew House for anybody interested to talk to and both Parish Councils organised a leaflet drop. I did see three people in total, one of whom joined our team and I would like to thank Norman Bennett for volunteering his time and the rest of them for their efforts over the last year.

But we are now seriously depleted in number and without an injection of new volunteers it is difficult to see how long term this valuable service can continue.