

BECKVALE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME  
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The total number of trips carried out by the scheme has dropped again this year from 312 to 246. This means that our budget for the first time is ending the year in the black.

The good news for both parish councils is that I will not be asking for a grant to carry on next year as the grant from Sth Norfolk District Council will be enough to fund us for the coming financial year.

This has been helped by the increase in the passengers fare from 50% to 75% without the more financially stretched members of our communities suffering as they are able to recover their costs from the NHS.

As ever the search for new drivers seems to be a fruitless task although the campaign that we ran last year recruited one more volunteer but since then not one person has expressed any interest in joining us.

As usual I feel that I should express my concerns as to how much longer the scheme can exist without new blood. It is only a matter of time before some of the remaining helpers call it a day and we are unable to continue but so far we have only had to refuse trips on two occasions.

Please find below a breakdown of the trips and the cost to the scheme

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| Norfolk and Norwich Hospital | 114 trips at a cost of £513 |
| Grove Rd Eye Clinic          | 25 trips at a cost of £100  |
| Addenbrookes                 | 3 trips at a cost of £45    |
| L/Stratton&Harleston         | 44 trips at a cost of £55   |
| Bury St Edmunds              | 6 trips at a cost of £36    |
| Pulham Surgery               | 40 trips at a cost of £24   |
| Expenses                     | £113                        |
| Total Cost                   | £886                        |

If our expenditure does not increase in the coming year there is a strong possibility that I will not have to ask for a grant from the parish councils again.