

BORROWBROOK HOME LINK
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It has been another good year for our charity and hopefully for our members too as we continue to support the older adults of our parish in living independently in their own homes by providing helpful information from our Advice Centre, located in the heart of the Borrowash shopping centre, and running events such as coach trips, coffee mornings, lunch club, bereavement groups (with the Methodist Church), and social clubs in our hired lounge or at other locations.

It is now three years since our comprehensive funding from the Big Lottery Fund ended and it has been very difficult to attract new funding as unfortunately the care of older adults is not currently seen as an important national issue to funding agencies. The Allen Lane Foundation however did award us a two-year grant in 2016 which has just expired, covering running costs for our Advice Centre and we are very grateful for that.

We are also very fortunate to receive continued donations from individuals, churches, groups, pubs, shops, clubs and organisations from in and about the parish which keeps our charity ticking over. Hopefully the people in these groups see what we actually achieve or even have family members or friends that benefit from our continued presence in the area. We are also very grateful to both our Parish Council and the Derbyshire County Council which continue to provide vital grants towards the running costs of Borrowbrook Home Link. These grants are not only significant in keeping our charity running but they also act as a signal to other funding sources that we are a worthwhile organisation which can be trusted to spend money wisely.

Although financial constraints obviously have some effect on how we run the charity we are committed to ensure that we do everything we can to keep Borrowbrook going for both the older adults that are able to attend our activities – and those who are unable to attend due to ill health but gain great comfort out of just reading our Magazine and feeling that they are still recognised as an essential part of the community.

Our staff, trustees and loyal team of volunteers stay committed to reducing loneliness and improving residents' wellbeing.

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