

Bolsover Memory Cafe

In Early 2023 - Debbie Fennell our social connect lead met with Julie from Hillstown Village hall to discuss using the hall to create a new Memory Cafe. The idea had come from a Bolsover Resident who was passionate about setting up a place for people with all forms of dementia, to meet, undertake some fun activities and feel socially connected. It would also in turn offer respite and some peer support for carers of those with dementia. Julie agreed that this was a fabulous idea and agreed to host the memory cafe once a month. The success went further with us supporting the cafe to receive start up funds of £500 from Spar. The first memory cafe took place in February with 15 attendees. Plus 4 new volunteers.

Quote:

'BCVS provided us with fantastic support and information to be able to make the best decision about the setting up the memory café . The introduction to the wonderful Julie at Hillstown Village hall was amazing. BCVS help us promote the Café around the town too, which has been invaluable to its incredible take up. Without we would of really struggled for volunteers, so i am so pleased we had the opportunity to recruit 3 plus myself. they are absolute joy to work with. The March Café was even more successful than February and we are keen to grow it further. "

Amy Tipper- Bolsover Memory Café Lead Volunteer



New group in Bolsover



Successful in applying for start up funding



4 new volunteers placed in the area