



# RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2007

**WELCOME!** To the Spring edition of the DRTP Newsletter. These Newsletters are designed to keep you informed about the DRTP and other Rural and Community Transport issues.

If you would like to contribute to future editions, please let us know. The deadline for the Summer edition of the Newsletter will be **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007**.

In **this edition** you will find:

- Information on the DRTP
- New traveline number
- Volunteer Awards ceremony
- Community Transport News
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### **Devon Rural Transport Partnership - Update**

Welcome to the spring edition of the Devon Rural Transport Partnership Newsletter. As I write this, I am being bathed in warm April sunshine! Spring seems to have arrived early this year and with the threat of another record breaking summer, we should perhaps be turning our thoughts to the impacts our life styles have on climate change.

I find it difficult at times to reconcile the importance of the work we do to enable access to services for the residents of Devon, with the potential impact transport emissions can have on the environment. However, much of the Community Transport provision in the county is about moving several people to one place in one vehicle, which is better than lots of people travelling individually.

Vehicle and fuel technology is improving all the time, helping to increase engine efficiency and reduce emissions. Alternative fuels are gradually becoming a real alternative, although access to these in rural Devon is still difficult. It will be interesting to see the changes and improvements to vehicles over the next ten years in the drive to reduce emissions.

In the mean time we will all need to continue to do our bit by only driving when we really have to and making use of our Public and Community Transport services when ever possible and considering alternative methods of travel.

I was delighted to attend the official launch of Devon Wheels2Work a few days ago. The scheme is now rolling out to eventually cover the whole of the county, providing a fantastic opportunity for people to break down the transport barrier to gaining employment and training. More details of the launch and scheme progress will appear in the next newsletter.

The Partnership has now entered what could be its final year and is now part funded by Devon Renaissance with continued support from Devon County Council. Although the Delegated Fund that we have held in previous years no longer exists, there will be funding available along similar lines though a Capacity Building fund held by Devon Renaissance. The fund continues to be £10,000 and will still pass through DRTP. Final details are yet to be decided but we will let you know how to apply as soon as we can.

Enjoy the spring!

Lynn Thornton  
Devon Rural Transport Partnership Officer

### **NEW TRAVELINE TELEPHONE NUMBER**

The traveline number has changed. The new number, which is now operational, is: **0871 200 22 33 (calls from landlines cost 10p per minute)**

Calls will still be answered on the old number until the end of 2007.

Traveline provides impartial journey planning information about all public transport services – buses, coaches, trains, ferries, trams, metro and underground - throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

### **Volunteer Awards Ceremony**

Do you know of a **volunteer** who has made an Outstanding Contribution to Voluntary and Community Transport in Devon?

Give them the recognition they deserve and nominate them for an award....



For a nomination form contact the Community Transport Team at Devon County Council on **01392 382123** or from Monday 16th April forms will be available online at:  
[www.devon.gov.uk\\_community\\_transport](http://www.devon.gov.uk_community_transport)

Forms must be returned by **11th May**

A Civic Ceremony will be held in Exeter on 1st June 2007. At this event the 'Volunteer of the Year' will be announced, who will receive a special award for their achievements

### **Community Transport News**

#### **Ilfracombe Community Transport Event**

Ilfracombe & District Community Transport Partnership held a Community Transport event to promote services available in the area.

The event was held at the Landmark Theatre in Ilfracombe and 20 other organisations had stalls providing information on local services.

The Mayor, Councillor Janice Donovan, attended to open the event, which celebrated over 30 years of Community Transport services in Ilfracombe. Last year the Voluntary Car Scheme carried out 475 journeys and there were 9,000 passenger journeys on the Ring & Ride bus.



At the event a new leaflet promoting the Community Transport Services available in the area was launched. This includes details on the Ring & Ride service, the Voluntary Car Scheme and Community Minibus Hire.

plenty of opportunities for networking and raising awareness of Community Transport Services.'

Tim Lamerton, Co-ordinator of the Ilfracombe and District Community Transport Partnership said 'The event proved to be a great success, with

The Partnership, which is currently funded through the North West Devon LEADER+ programme, is seeking funding to continue after November 2007.

If you would like more information about the Ilfracombe & District Community Transport Partnership, or details on the Community Transport services available in the area, please contact Tim Lamerton on 01271 855951 or visit [www.ilfracom.org.uk](http://www.ilfracom.org.uk)

### **Tiverton's Easter Coffee Morning**

Tiverton & District Community Transport Association held an Easter Coffee morning on Wednesday 4th April. Passengers were invited to attend the specially themed event and to create their own Easter Bonnets for the occasion.



Julie Woolley, Manager of Tiverton & District Community Transport Association, said 'We were delighted so many people were able to attend and with the wonderful Easter Bonnets that everyone had made.'

The competition was won by long-standing passenger Ruth Davies, from Bradninch.

Tiverton & District Community Transport Association provide a

range of Community Transport Services, including Shopmobility, a Ring & Ride service and a Voluntary Car Scheme. There is also an accessible car, which is specially adapted to carry a wheelchair and minibuses are available to hire at the weekends or for short periods of time during the day.

If you would like more details about the services provided by Tiverton and District Community Transport Association, please telephone 01884 242099 or visit [www.tdcta.org.uk/](http://www.tdcta.org.uk/)

## **Funding & Resources**

### **Recruiting & Inducting Chairs**

The Governance Hub has launched a new document 'Starting on the Right Track - A Guide to Recruiting and Inducting a New Chair'

The guide includes information on drawing up a role description, finding candidates, choosing the correct person and covering the necessary formalities. It also includes four steps to inducting a Chair, an induction checklist and a list of further useful resources.

To download the guide and review other publications relevant to Chairs, visit the Governance Hub website at: [www.governancehub.org.uk](http://www.governancehub.org.uk)

### **Public Service Delivery**

The Charity Commission has published a new guide called Charities and Public Service Delivery.

This is a practical guide to the legal and good practice issues that charities need to be aware of if they are planning to deliver services under a funding agreement with a public authority.

The guide covers the charity law framework and understanding the risks as well as how to stick to your mission and guard your independence.

To download a free copy of the guide go to:

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Library/publications/pdfs/cc37text.pdf>

## **Ideas for Future Newsletters...**

It is intended to start running a series of articles in this Newsletter that will be useful to Voluntary & Community Transport groups across the county. The first topic to be covered will be Governance issues for Trustees. If there are particular issues that you would like us to cover in future editions, please let us know using the contact details below.

We will still be covering Community Transport News, so if you have a good news story that you would like to share, please get in touch. This could include launching a new service, holding a special event, celebrating an anniversary or receiving grants to continue services or start up new ones.

This Newsletter is designed to be useful to you...so let us know what you'd like us to include.

## **Contact Us**

For further information about the DRTP or any of the articles mentioned in this Newsletter please contact us using the details below. The DRTP website includes information about the Partnership and an online version of the Newsletter.

If you would like to receive this Newsletter regularly, please let us know and we will add you to the mailing list.

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