



RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2006

WELCOME! To the Summer edition of the DRTP Newsletter! These Newsletters are produced 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 **Friday 13th October 2006**

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Devon Rural Transport Partnership - Review

Welcome to the summer edition of the Devon Rural Transport Partnership Newsletter. I am able to open this edition with good news! Since the spring edition we have had a very busy time working with projects and trying to establish future funding for the Partnership. The South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA) have now informed us that we can apply for funding for an additional year, which will take us through until March 2008. This funding will have to be sought through the Devon Renaissance Partnership application process. We will be working closely with Devon Renaissance staff to ensure our application is robust and will enable the Partnership to have as big a positive impact on the delivery of transport and access as possible. To compliment this process we are re-writing our Action Plan to reflect current objectives and potential areas of work. This will form part of our next Stakeholder Day in September.

Great progress has been made towards establishing Devon Wheels 2 Work. The bid for Rural Renaissance funding was approved by the Devon Renaissance Board and is now with SWRDA for final agreement. We hope to hear if this has been achieved in the next few weeks. In the meantime, the Community Interest Company that will run Devon Wheels 2 Work is being formed and should be up and running by the end of September. All those involved are looking forward to next April, when the scheme will be officially launched.

Amanda is continuing to work on the development of Shopmobility in the South Hams. This work is being jointly carried out with Zoë Harris, the South Devon Transport Partnership Development Worker with the support of a steering group. A business plan has been written and funding applications are being submitted to South Hams District Council and the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. A

mobile Shopmobility service is planned, which will serve the main towns in the South Hams and also be available for special events.

I was very pleased to welcome Mark Bailey into the fold in May. Mark is working for the Mid Devon Transport Partnership, developing access and information in that area. Although working part time, Mark is hoping to replicate some of the excellent on the ground work being carried out by Zoë Harris in the South of Devon.

The level of work continues unabated, with the normal summer lull just not appearing this year. I hope you enjoy your summer holidays. I know we are looking forward to ours!

Lynn Thornton, Devon Rural Transport Partnership Officer

Grants Available!

Up to £1,000 is available towards small transport projects:

Research

Publicity

Piloting New Services

Funding support is also available for Driver Training

Please contact Amanda Denham for further details

(Please note funding is only available until March 2007, so applications should be made as soon as possible)

Volunteer Awards Ceremony June 2006



The Volunteer Award winners, pictured with the Chairman of Devon County Council, Councillor Des Shadrick, who presented the awards.

This year's Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 3rd June. The Awards Ceremony, run by Devon County Council, is held to recognise the excellent work of volunteers throughout Community Transport schemes in Devon.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to **Mr George Yates** from Braunton and District Volunteer Bureau, who received a hamper of local produce alongside his certificate. Mr Yates was a volunteer driver for the Bureau for 15 years. He has

recently stopped driving due to health reasons, but continues to do shopping for people and help out at luncheon clubs twice a week.

The other 11 volunteers who received a certificate from the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Des Shadrick, were:

Helen Alford - A Driver for Okehampton & District Community Transport Group
Cathy Bancroft - A driver and office assistant for Torridge Community Transport Association
Eddie Cole - A driver for Kingscare League of Friends
May Hibbert - A driver for Estuary League of Friends
Brian Murrell - A driver and committee member of Culm Voluntary Cars
Tom Palmer - A driver for Yelvercare
Roy Pepper - Co-ordinator of STEPS
Carole Stapleton - Co-ordinator for RSVP and Haldon House
John Warr - Treasurer and Organiser for Newton Abbot Shopmobility
Pauline Whittle - A driver and co-ordinator for Combe Martin & Berryarnbour Car Scheme
Jim Will - A driver for Freedom Wheels

Thanks go to the following for supporting this event:

GM Coaches
Wessex LDV
Bon Gout Delicatessen
Magdalen Road
Exeter

Community Transport News

Dawlish Disabled Vehicle Rally

East Teignbridge Community Transport Association hosted a 'Picnic in the Park' on Sunday 16th July. Passengers from Ring & Ride schemes across the county were invited to attend the event in Dawlish.



Above left: Mayor of Dawlish, Cllr Revd. Dr. Tom Bush opens the event

Above right: Passengers from CREDITON & DISTRICT Community Transport Group enjoy the events of the afternoon

The entertainment included three runs from the Dawlish Gunrunners. The Dawlish group was set up six years ago to honour a tradition initially developed during the

Boer War. The afternoon continued with music from Debbie Jones and Sarah Yeo, a local duo who performed a range of Abba songs.

Towards the end of the afternoon, John Adcock, Chairman of East Teignbridge Community Transport Association, launched the Association's newest vehicle 'My Maid'. The vehicle was named in recognition of John Adcock and his dedication to Community Transport in the area.



Above, from left to right: The Abba Tribute Band, the Dawlish Gunrunners and the launch of 'My Maid' by John Adcock

Shopmobility Taster Days in Dartmouth and Kingsbridge

Shopmobility Taster Days will be taking place in Dartmouth and Kingsbridge in September. Exeter's mobile Shopmobility Unit will be used to provide the service. The taster days are part of a project to bring Shopmobility to the South Hams next year. If you would like more information about the Taster Days or the project in general, please contact Amanda Denham (contact details on the back of this Newsletter) or Zoë Harris on 01626 203050.

The Taster Days will be on the following dates:

Dartmouth: 6th and 13th September, 2006

Kingsbridge: 4th and 11th September, 2006

Funding & Resources

Everyclick.com

Everyclick.com is a website which gives 50% of its revenue to charity.

Charities can register with everyclick.com and can raise money when its supporters search or shop online through everyclick.com.

There is no charge for charities or supporters who use the website. The more your supporters use the website, the more money you will raise.

For further details, visit:

www.everyclick.com then click on 'About Everyclick' and 'Charity Information'.

Accountancy Training

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy has designed a new qualification for the charity sector.

The **Certificate in Charity Finance and Accounting** provides accountancy training in a charity environment. The course, which is specifically for those working in the finance functions of charities, but who do not have any qualifications, will start in autumn 2006.

For further details, please contact Nigel Scott. Tel: 020 7815 7760
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Home Office Hubs

The Home Office Active Communities Unit has set up a series of online hubs to provide information on different issues relating to the voluntary and community sector.

The **Performance Hub** has been set up to help voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations to achieve more. This includes information on how much performance improvement costs, how to choose a quality standard and understanding the difference between outputs and outcomes.
For further details visit: <http://www.performancehub.org.uk/>

The **Governance Hub** has been set up to improve levels of good governance in the voluntary and community sector. It includes information and resources for trustees, chairs and board members. For more information visit:
<http://www.governancehub.org.uk/>

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