



# RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2006

**WELCOME!** To the Winter 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 Spring edition of the Newsletter will be **Friday 6th April 2007**.

In **this edition** you will find information on:

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### Devon Rural Transport Partnership - Update

Welcome to the winter edition of the Devon Rural Transport Partnership Newsletter. We have moved on a stage in our quest for funding! Our application for funding through Devon Renaissance was approved at both Expression of Interest and Full Application level but we are now awaiting confirmation of this approval by the South West Regional Development Agency. We are fairly confident that approval will be given but are keeping an eye on the "Situations Vacant" pages in the newspapers just in case!

There will be some changes in the method of working for DRTP with changes in funders but we do not anticipate that there will be too much impact on the type of projects we are involved in or the support we are able to offer. The Delegated Fund will no longer exist and the Driver Training project will come to an end in April, which will obviously reduce the financial support we are able to offer, but will free up more time for us to be able to work directly with projects.

The Action Plan agreed at the September Stakeholder Event sets out the areas of work we will be concentrating on for the next year. A new area we will be becoming more involved in is issues around transport for Carers. We will also be more involved with work around Accessibility Planning. If you have projects you would like us to support you in, please get in touch.

Work on Devon Wheels 2 Work continues at a rapid pace. Holsworthy Wheels 2 Work is amalgamating into the Devon scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> February, with YETI and Getting There joining over the next few months. The scheme will be formally launched in April but will be starting to provide services before then.

The complicated work around transport to health continues. The Voluntary Sector is staying very involved with discussions in order to enable a workable solution to be reached. It seems unlikely that any dramatic change will be seen in April but a more gradual phased change over the rest of the year will.

Now that the darkest part of the year is starting to lift, I hope that we can all look forward to finding new energy to meet the challenges of 2007!

Lynn Thornton  
Devon Rural Transport Partnership Officer

### **Charity Commission Direct**

Charity Commission Direct has extended its opening hours.

Calls will be answered between 8am – 8pm during the week  
and 9am – 1pm on Saturdays.

Tel: 0845 300 0218.

## **Community Transport News**

### **Chairman's Dinner**

The Chairman of Devon County Council, Councillor Des Shadrick, held a special dinner for the Chairs of Community Transport organisations in Devon. The event, held at Larkbeare House in January, celebrated the achievements of Community Transport in the county.

During the evening, Councillor Des Shadrick spoke of the value of Community Transport schemes highlighting the vital role they play in helping people to get out and about and thanked those attending for their support and commitment to the Community Transport groups they represented.

In Devon there are 16 Ring & Ride schemes, six Community Buses and a whole range of Voluntary Car Schemes that all help to get people to doctors appointments, shops and facilities in town centres and enable people to get out and about and meet up with friends. The groups are all run on a not-for-profit basis and rely on volunteer management committees to keep the services on the road.

If you would like more details about your local Community Transport scheme or if you would be interested in opportunities for volunteering with a Community Transport group, please contact the Community Transport Team at Devon County Council on 01392 382123.



**Pictured above from left to right:** Back row: Judith Wilson - Totnes Community Bus, David Perkin - North Tamar CTA, Tim Lamerton - Ilfracombe CTA, Steve Manchip - Coleridge Community Bus, Councillor Des Shadrick - Chairman of Devon County Council, Ian Robertson - Tiverton CTA, Roger Heffer - Torridge CTA, Roger Belsey - West Dart Bus. Front row: Judy Pride - Okehampton CTA, John Adcock - East Teignbridge CTA, Judy Westacott - Totnes & Dartmouth CTA, Blondell Lilley - Exeter CTA, Jill Elson - Exmouth CTA, Sandra Ward - Axe Valley CTA.

## **Christmas Driver Training Event**

A special Christmas gathering was held for volunteer drivers at Torrridge Community Transport Association. The event included training for the drivers, such as information on legislation and reminders about road safety and there was plenty of chance for fun and networking.

Nearly 40 drivers and their partners attended and all appreciated the opportunity to meet with others involved in the organisation.

Torrridge Community Transport Association runs a Ring & Ride service and a Voluntary Car Scheme. For further details, please contact Duncan Goodman on 01237 425522.



**Above:** Volunteer Drivers and their partners enjoy a buffet at the Christmas Event.

## **Goodbye from Tim Davies....**

The cards and kind words from many in Community Transport in Devon to mark my retirement at Christmas were very much appreciated. I am sorry that I am not be able to get round to see groups so I have penned a few words. A very rewarding part of my many years with the County Council has been the development and sustaining of Community Transport. Although in recent years I was not close to the day to day action I have tried to be a source of advice for Karen and Lynn and the team, made sure the funds were there every year, and also promoted the cause with Government.

It is very pleasing to see how far we have come over the last 20 years. The many CT Groups and the County Council together have achieved a great deal, providing essential transport for many residents, developing new services and approaches and putting Devon at the forefront nationally. We have built a strong structure, which will produce even better services into the future. I wish you all every success and know that you can rely on the CT Team in TCS together with DRTP to continue their excellent work promoting and supporting the expanding role of Community Transport.

*Tim Davies, is the retired Head of Transport Co-ordination Services, Devon County Council*

## **Volunteering Opportunities**

Community Transport groups across Devon rely on the help of volunteers to keep their services running....if you have some free time, you may like to:

- Become a committee member or trustee
- Help with fundraising for a Community Transport group

- Help with administration and office based tasks
- Become a Voluntary Car Driver
- Help out at a Shopmobility scheme

If you would like to make a real difference for people in your local community, call the Community Transport Team on **01392 382123** for details of your local scheme.

## **Funding & Resources**

### **Codes of Fundraising Practice**

Three new codes of fundraising practice have been launched. These are:

- Event Fundraising
- Fundraising through Electronic Media (replacing Fundraising on the Internet)
- Face-to-Face Fundraising (replacing Personal Solicitation for Committed Gifts on the Street and House-to-House)

They are available to download from the 'Codes of Fundraising Practice' section of the Institute of Fundraising website at: [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk).

### **Full Cost Recovery**

A new guide to Full Cost Recovery has been launched by the Big Lottery Fund and the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO).

'Mind the Gap: A funders' guide to full cost recovery' includes case studies of funders that have implemented full cost recovery and provides an eight-step guide to assist funders in understanding and applying the principles.

The guide is free and is available at: [www.acevo.org.uk/uploads/pdfs/FCRfundersmanual.pdf](http://www.acevo.org.uk/uploads/pdfs/FCRfundersmanual.pdf).

### **New Awards for All Application Packs**

The new Awards for All application pack is now available on-line. Applicants should read the pack carefully as there have been several changes. The processing system has been changed so that 'incomplete' applications will not be processed and will be returned to the sender. Common reasons for applications being incomplete are: unsuitable referee, missing or unacceptable accounts, bank statements missing or unacceptable, bank details form missing, governing document missing or incomplete, dates of birth missing from contacts.

Applications are welcomed from not-for-profit organisations and can be submitted for grants between £300 and £10,000. For an application form and full guidance notes please visit the website below

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>  
or telephone: 0845 600 20 40

## **Volunteering - Risk Toolkit**

The Institute for Volunteering Research and Volunteering England have produced a 'Risk Toolkit: How to take care of risk in volunteering - A Guide for Organisations'.

The toolkit covers a variety of issues relating to volunteers:

- Risks and Liabilities
- Managing Risk
- Risk Assessment
- Implementing Risk Management
- Review and Record Keeping
- Insurance
- Minimum Requirements
- Secondary Risks

The guide is available free of charge and can be downloaded at:

[www.volunteering.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/2B108CBD-0BBD-4DB3-A4D2-D987B885D1F3/0/Risk\\_toolkit.pdf](http://www.volunteering.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/2B108CBD-0BBD-4DB3-A4D2-D987B885D1F3/0/Risk_toolkit.pdf)

## **CTX - Charities Technology Exchange**

The Charities Technology Exchange is a pilot programme being run by the Charity Technology Trust and TechSoup.

Eligible UK based charities can request a wide range of Microsoft and Cisco product donations, including operating system software, Microsoft Office, publishing software and hardware products.

Charities are required to pay a small administrative fee to cover the costs of the programme. The fee varies, but charities will generally make savings of 92-96% on typical retail prices.

For more details visit the website at: <http://www.ctxchange.org/>

## **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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