



Okehampton District Community Transport Group

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Covid 19

We have been very fortunate that so many of our volunteer drivers have continued to drive throughout the pandemic and more have returned to driving recently, which has meant that we have not had to refuse many journeys at all (even the extremely short notice ones).

Our Ring and Ride bus service continues to operate Monday to Friday, please ring to book before 12 the day before you wish to travel. We currently have spare capacity despite having to socially distance so if you know of someone who would like to try our service then please ask them to get in touch, our fares are subsidised to keep them affordable and it is a good opportunity to get out and about in a safe way.

Our wheelchair accessible vehicles are available at any time subject to driver availability. Please refrain from contacting the volunteer drivers direct, you can either leave a message on the office answerphone or our out of hours mobile is 07484525577.

100 Club

Thank you for your support which is a great help to ensure our scheme can continue to offer as many people as possible the services they require. Last year we raised £1622 for our funds. You may receive a written or telephone reminder when it is time for you to renew.

Congratulations to the winners of our recent draws - You can join the 100 Club at any time during the year, just send a cheque, payable to ODCTG for £12 to us at the address below or you can pay by BACS or Standing Order NatWest Okehampton Sort Code 54-21-14 Account No. 22127879 ODCTG

August

- 1st Dora Cowland, Sticklepath
- 2nd Mary Kennedy, Okehampton
- 3rd Barbara Eastham, Halwill

September

- Lyn Evans, Okehampton
- Peggy Cunliffe, Okehampton
- Margaret Munkenbeck, Okehampton

Trips

Unfortunately we are not able to offer lifestyle trips at the current time due to the social distancing rules but as soon as possible we will be planning the next batch of outings.

Drivers

We are delighted to welcome so many new members to our team: Peter Lohr from Sticklepath, Michelle Farrelly - Okehampton, Ray Evans - North Tawton, David Barnes - Belstone and Nigel Jones - Germansweek. We said goodbye to Gaynor Davey who was our part time bus driver, Ken & Carole Doig - Lewdown.

We are always looking for more volunteers and would particularly like to find someone in the Chagford/Throwleigh/Whiddon Down area and also Lewdown.

Pop up Shop

We have now opened another Pop up shop which is in the Terrys Zimmers shop in East Street, which he has kindly allowed us to use until the shop is sold. We currently have a good supply of goods for sale, please pop in and have a look and say hello to our volunteers. We are also looking for offers of help to volunteer for a few hours at a time in the shop so if you are available or know someone who might be able to help us, please get in touch. If you have any goods you would be willing to donate, please drop into the office as we are taking a few things down at a time when we have space but please ring and make sure one of us will be here when you plan to come. Thank you.

AGM

Due to the current restrictions we have been unable to hold our AGM. The Trustees have agreed that the officers will remain in post until next year when we can arrange a public meeting.

Margaret Cooper

We were grateful to receive £259.64 collected in memory of her husband, for our funds.

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