

ODCTG CHAIRS REPORT 2019

I feel very privileged and proud of what we achieve and hopefully it will continue for many years to come.

I extend my grateful thanks to both Sue and Liz in the office, which is busier than ever plus arranging our successful Coffee Mornings, attending the odd Car Boot sale to try and bring in money from the goods generously donated to us for sale. This also includes this year, setting up the Pop-Up Shop in the Arcade. Many thanks to all those who volunteered in the shop. (A special thanks to those who run the Arcade for letting us use it).

I would add an extra thank you to Sue for going out to various meetings, and other groups thus spreading the message as to what we do and where we are. We certainly benefit from going out and spreading the word about what we do. Even after all these years people still don't know who or what we are and what we do.

Grateful thanks must also be extended to Mark for all he does as our main bus driver, and any of those that we pay to drive the bus when Mark is away. Hopefully all the problems we have had with our bus are now done and dusted. Thanks also to our other Bus Drivers, especially those that take out our new bus on lifestyle trips.

Thanks to all our volunteer drivers (and their partners) who give up their time so readily.

At this point I would like to thank everyone who sits on the management committee for all they do during the year. Special thanks to Graham for keeping our finances in order, and for the time he has put in with Sue to look at applying for various grants. Plus, my thanks to the other Trustees for their time and support.

A big thank you to all those people that have funded us for the year, including thank you to those local like OUC, Okehampton TC, West Devon BC and all the other local organizations that have given us monies. Thank you to Devon County Council and thanks to Karen Rose for being available to help us, it is great that they believe in us providing a good local service and are willing to show it with their much-needed funding.

Anyone who would like to become a driver for us or would like to become a Trustee please contact us.

Here's to next year which looks to be as busier than ever and we are still waited to see what DFT changes to Section 19 may be on the horizon.

One thing is for sure Community Transport is never boring!

Pat Sawyer

Chair