Okehampton District Community Transport Group

ODCTG Newsletter - July (88)

Welcome

Here we are at the latest edition of our newsletter, this year is certainly flying by. The new trip list is at the end of this newsletter for August & September!

Round up of Events

If your community is having a Summer or a Christmas Fayre please think of ODCTG as a possible beneficiary. Contact Paula for a chat: 01837 55000.

Saturday May 4th An amazing £516.66, was raised at the Coffee morning on the 4th May, and a lovely time was had by all! Thank you to everyone that helped out.







The D-Day Commemoration at Okehampton Show Ground On the 6th June was very well attended and we were privileged to include ex-service men on our minibus taking passengers to and from the event.

Bratton Clovelly plant sale, on the 11th May raised an amazing £715.00 for ODCTG, fantastic effort by all involved, thank you.

Ring & Ride - routes

Mon: North Tawton – Okehampton
Tues: Winkleigh – Okehampton
Wed: Bridestowe – Okehampton
Thurs: Hatherleigh– Okehampton
Fri: Halwill – Okehampton

01837 55000 to book

Member 100 Club

Member 100 2024

Results of the May draw;

Mr E Finnamore - £30.00

Donated - £20.00

Mrs A. Helsby - £10.00

Member 100 June 2024

Anon - £30

Mrs M. Harris - £20

L Neville - £10

Member 100 July 2024

Mrs F Glover - £30.00

Donated - £20.00

Mrs H Arscot - £10.00

Well done all & thank to those who donated back their prize!

If you would like to join the 100 Club, contact the office on 01837 55000. For £12.00 annual membership you could win a share of the prize fund each month.

Focus on our Trustees

All our Trustees are volunteers, their primary role is to ensure that we meet the Charities Commission requirements for compliance, and set the strategy for ODCTG, planning for the future. Our Trustees meet once a month and we have a management meeting bi-monthly.

ODCTG Trustees

Graham Harding: Treasurer
Tony Leech: Chair
Lyn Evans: Vice Chair
Tony Robinson: Trustee
Amanda Jones: Secretary
George Dexter: Trustee
Pat Sawyer: Trustee

Trustee Vacancy

Graham Harding was a volunteer driver before he became our outstanding Treasurer, and is now retiring from these ODCTG duties, but we hope he remains as a Trustee. Graham is helping us to move over to a cloud system of accounting and we are working with Westcott's to facilitate them producing our accounts in the future.

If you have Treasurer experience and would like to discuss this role and join our team, please contact: Lyn Evans, lyn51149@gmail.com.

ODCTG AGM 25th July 2024



A little bit of history…

Following a recent ODCTG Okehampton Times article, I have had two interesting calls from those who were involved at the start of Okehampton Community Transport.

Firstly, ***Catherine Martineau***, called to introduce herself and express how pleased she was to see the article and the happy memories it brought back to her. Catherine was a volunteer over 20 years ago and covered quite the area, including; Hatherleigh, Meeth, Chagford, Moretonhampstead & Christow amongst others. Catherine explained that using her own car to help others, was an interesting and satisfying use of time, and she met many different people.

Catherine remembers that she often had children to take to the dentist in the holidays when the parents were working! Catherine would like to hear from anyone who remembers her. If you would like to drop Catherine a message, please email Paula who will pass your message on to Catherine.

Marie Webber**,** was a founding member of ODCTG and remembers when ODCTG started up and the concern of "would this work". Marie explained it was almost instant that when the service was put in place the community used it. The success of the community transport service shows the need for it and how reliant on it our communities are.

It was lovely talking to Catherine and Marie and hearing the experiences they faced and comparing the service they knew to where it is now. The constant has been, recognising & meeting the transport needs of those in our communities, and the incredible time given by the volunteers.

Desperately seeking!

Do you know someone who is sympathetic, kind, patient and who likes to make a difference. Please point them in our direction! ***We need drivers in all our areas but especially in North Tawton and Winkleigh.*** We are also seeking more drivers for our wheel-chair-accessible vehicles.

Here are a few pointers and some information to start your conversation with them.



If you would like a copy of this poster to display in your community please download from our website www.odctg.org.uk. Or email your request to office@odctg.co.uk

Benefits of Volunteering

* work from home
* choose when you are available
* make a positive difference to others
* improve your self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing
* meet new people
* all our drivers receive a mileage allowance for their journeys
* gain accredited certificate, for Disability Awareness Training
* volunteer within a supportive team

Receiving our Newsletter & Submissions

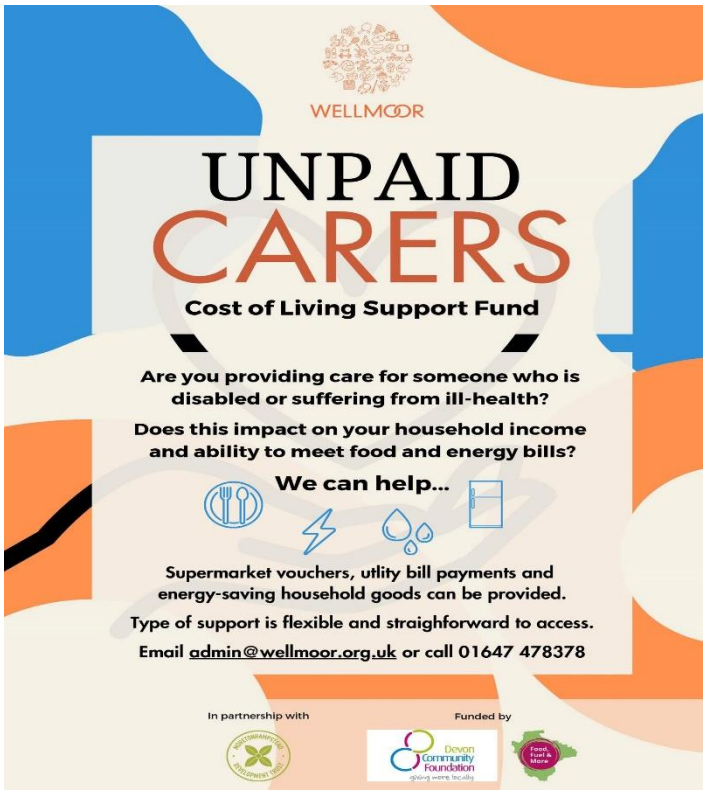
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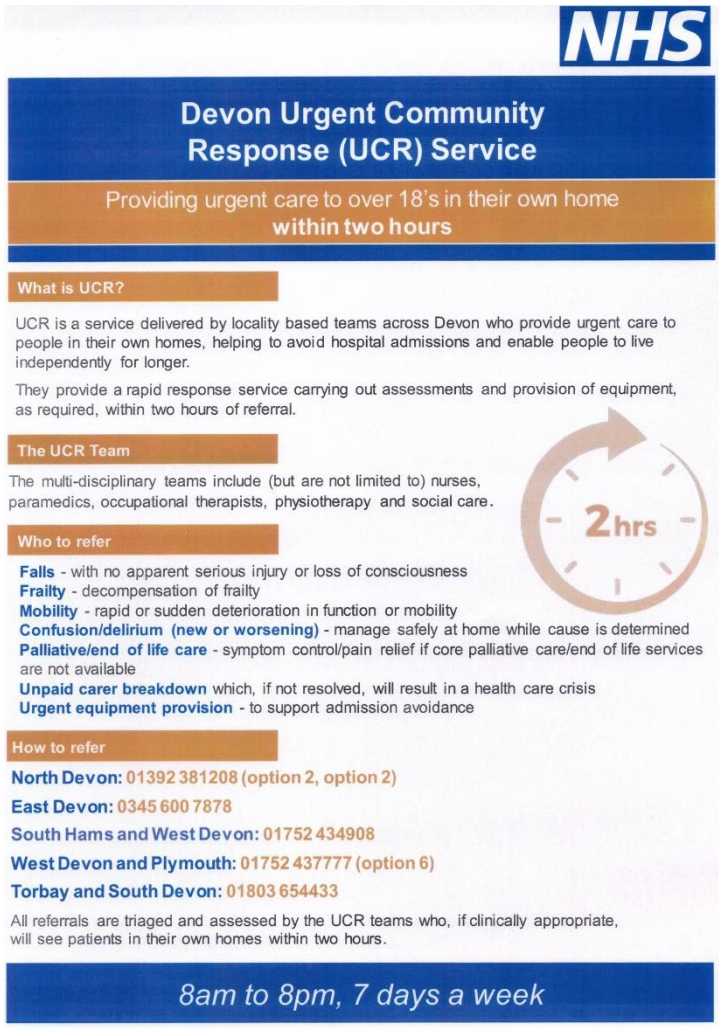
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If you would like to be taken off the mailing list (either post or email) please let us know; by email office@odctg.co.uk or calling on 01837 55000.

If you have an idea for an article for our next edition, please submit to office@odctg.co.uk. We are always looking for ideas and interesting content.

Featured Local Information & Services





Ockment Centre

Okehampton & District Community Transport AGM

25th July 3.00pm-6.00pm

lyn51149@gmail.com

British Legion Coffee Morning

10th August 9.00am-12.30pm

okehampton.secretary@RBL.community

Okehampton Library

Time: 13:30 - 15:30 (Every Tuesday)

Enjoy a natter with other customers over a FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate, kindly supplied by Waitrose Okehampton. No booking necessary. Just drop in.

Cost: Free, donations welcome

And Finally…..

After over 8 years of dedicated and reliable service, in particular driving our wheel-chair-accessible vehicles, Michael Chastey has stood down as a volunteer driver. We wish Michael & Ann the very best & thank you for all the time you have given. We would like as many of our drivers and friends of Michael to join us on the **25th July at 13:30** (the day of our AGM) at the Ockment Centre to thank Michael and his involvement with ODCTG. *Please let the office know if you are joining us office@odctg.co.uk or 01837 55000*

STOP PRESS…

Next edition of our newsletter will be published Mid Sept, to include Oct, Nov & Dec trips!

Trips – General Information & Our Destinations

Thank you to those who submitted their suggestions for future destinations, and the feedback on recent destinations. We want to make these journeys as enjoyable and interesting as we can for all.

TO BOOK: Please call or email the office. If you book and then cannot make a trip please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer your seat to someone else**.** ***All trips are booked strictly first come, first served. Sometimes we may need to "reserve seats together" and we politely remind you that not all disabilities can be seen.***

Cancelling: We reserve the right to cancel or change the dates/destinations of our trips at any time. This could be, but is not inclusive of; weather conditions, number of passengers travelling, and driver availability.

We would love to see your pictures taken on our trips. Please send them in to office@odcg.co.uk, and please be sure to get anyone whose photo you are taking, permission to share with us. By sending your photos to us, you agree, that we can use them for promotional, marketing & social media purposes.

August 2024

4th August	Sunday	Sunday Lunch at Strawberry Fields in Lifton
10th August	Saturday	Truro City Centre
11th August	Sunday	Sunday lunch The Post Inn, Whiddon Down **(£10 trip fare for all)**
22nd August	Thursday	Launceston Retail Park & Homeleigh
27th August	Tuesday	Atlantic Village

September 2024

1st Sept	Sunday	Sunday Lunch, The White Hart, Bridestowe **(£10.00 trip fare for all)**
3rd Sept	Tuesday	House of Marbles and Trago Mills in Newton Abbot
8th Sept	Sunday	Sunday Lunch at Holsworthy Golf Course
10th Sept	Tuesday	Weston-Super-Mare in Somerset
14th Sept	Saturday	Kernow Mill & Mount Edgecombe in Saltash
17th Sept	Tuesday	Green Lanes, Barnstaple
24th Sept	Tuesday	Dartmouth
28th Sept	Saturday	Woody Bay Station, Autumn Gala, Blackamoor Gate