



# ODCTG Newsletter – September 2024 (89)

## Welcome

The nights are drawing in on what didn't seem like much of a summer!

Week commencing 12-16 October is National Community Transport week, a chance to celebrate ODCTG and the other community transport organisations who deliver a much needed essential service.

We are a member of the Community Transport Association (CTA) who are promoting this event.

We will end our week celebrating all things Community Transport, at our coffee morning in the **Church Hall, Market Street on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 09:00 - 13:00**. Cakes, Stalls, & Bric-a-Brac, as well as some games, and not forgetting the raffle!

Our coffee morning coincides with Okehampton Carnival day. So it will be lovely to see some familiar and new faces at our coffee morning. A bit of fun whilst raising important funds!

We would welcome some good quality bric-a-brac and raffle prizes and these can be dropped at our offices, given to us on the morning of the coffee morning, or we can collect. Call us on 01837 55000.



## 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

### Results of the August draw;

J Lake - £30.00

F Hucker - £20.00

Q Pigeon - £10.00

### Member 100 September 2024

P Squire - £30.00

M Joslin - £20.00

B Welham - £10.00

**Well done all!**

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.

## A fond farewell

Prior to getting down to the business of the AGM we said a fond farewell and thank you to Michael Chastey with a presentation of a John Lewis Voucher and flowers for Ann.



Thank you to those who joined us and thank you to Sarah for making the yummy cakes!

Thank you to all who came to the AGM.

Jan Goffey, is a new volunteer Trustee, who was co-opted at the AGM. I'm sure Jan doesn't need introductions for most of you! We welcome her energy and knowledge to our Trustee team. Jan will also continue as one of our local amazing volunteer car drivers.



## Still.... seeking!

We interviewed one of our lovely drivers, Julie, and we think Julie explains what volunteer driving means to her perfectly.

You can see the interviews on our Facebook page and Instagram. There are a few shared in short videos.

Give us a follow and stay up to date with all things ODCTG.  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551088477481>



Do you know someone who is sympathetic, kind, patient and who wants to make a difference to others. Please point them in our direction!

*We need drivers in all our areas but especially in Hatherleigh, North Tawton and Winkleigh.* We are also seeking more drivers for our wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

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

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Community Car Schemes offer a valuable service to people who have no other viable transport options, by driving them to vital health appointments and social events.

### THIS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

will connect you with your local community by supporting those who need your help to be active well and remain independent, as well as boosting your own sense of well-being.

Using your own car, you choose the journeys you do, and it can be as much or as little as you like.

Your gift of time, will help provide this essential service in your local community. Training is offered, travel expenses are paid, and there will be all the support you need from the Car Scheme's Manager.

"I love the chats in the car, they really make my day."



Contact  
Okehampton District  
Community Transport Group

☎ 01837 55000

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*If you would like a copy of this poster to display in your community please download from our website [www.odctg.org.uk](http://www.odctg.org.uk). Or email your request to [office@odctg.co.uk](mailto:office@odctg.co.uk)*

### Benefits of Volunteering

- \* volunteer from home
- \* choose when you are available
- \* make a positive difference to others
- \* improve your self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing
- \* meet new people
- \* receive a mileage allowance
- \* volunteer within a supportive team



### Submissions for Articles & Receiving our Newsletter

Our newsletter is published on our website [www.odctg.co.uk](http://www.odctg.co.uk) and on Facebook. Copies are available from our office and on our minibuses, please ask your driver if you would like a copy.

*We try to keep costs to a minimum, so let us know if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, but are currently receiving by post.*

If you would like to be taken off the mailing list, please let us know; by email [office@odctg.co.uk](mailto:office@odctg.co.uk)

*If you have an idea for an article for our next edition, please submit to [office@odctg.co.uk](mailto:office@odctg.co.uk)*





## Featured Local Events & Services



The poster features a top section with a photograph of a coffee cup and pastries. Below this is a green circular logo with a coffee cup icon and the text 'Hospiscare COFFEE MORNING'. The main text is on a dark green background, and the bottom section contains logos for Hospiscare and the slogan 'Because every day matters'.

Okehampton Friends of Hospiscare  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Church Hall, Okehampton**  
**Saturday 21 September 2024**  
**9 am - 12 noon**  
**Cake Stall \* Raffle \* Christmas Cards**  
*For further details please contact Liz Westlake 01837 54778*

**Because every day matters**  
www.hospiscare.co.uk  
Registered charity no. 297798

**In aid of**  
**Hospiscare**  
Caring in the heart of Devon



### Opening Hours

Monday	09:00-17:00
Tuesday	09:00-18:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00
Thursday	09:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-18:00
Saturday	09:00-13:00

### Website:

discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk

### Devon Carers Awareness Stand:

Monday 21 Oct, 9:30-15:30

### Cuppa & A Chat: Tuesdays, 13:30-15:30

Enjoy a natter with other customers.

Refreshments are available. Just drop in.



## Round up of Trips in August & September

From the Strawberry fields, Lifton to Dartmouth and Truro to Weston-Super-Mare, 190 passengers have enjoyed our trips in August & September.

Below is our minibus pictured on the recent trip to Kernow Mill, with stop offs at, Whitsand Bay and Mount Edgecombe. What a beautiful sky.

Suggestions for trips in 2025 are welcomed!



*Thank you to Driver, Michael Scutt for the picture*



**Next edition of our newsletter will be published early in the New Year.**

## Trips – General Information & Our Destinations

We want to make these journeys as enjoyable and interesting as we can for all. Please keep sending in your suggestions for future journeys and feedback.

**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@odctg.co.uk](mailto:office@odctg.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.*

### October 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Thursday	Cotehele in Saltash (National Trust)
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday	Sunday Lunch at Okehampton Golf Club
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	Shopping in Taunton and a coffee stop
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	Green Lanes in Barnstaple
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday	Lunch at The Falcon Hotel in Bude
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday	Jack’s Patch – an Otter Nursery in Bishopsteignton

### November 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sunday	The Bath House in Exmouth
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday	Powderham Castle (Michaelmas Fair, £6.00 admission fee)
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday	Lunch at the Copper Keys in North Tawton
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday	Homeleigh Garden Centre Launceston & Launceston Retail Park
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday	Sunday Lunch at The Durrant Hotel in Bideford
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday	Trago Mills in Newton Abbot – 10% Discount Event

### December 2024

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Tuesday	Endsleigh Garden Centre in Ivybridge
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday	Westpoint – Christmas Fair (Admission Fee £5.00, cash only)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	Exeter Christmas Market
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	Sunday Lunch Post Inn, Whiddon Down
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	Christmas special: Meal at the Green Dragon (2 courses & Mince pies tea & coffee) Christmas Raffle & Carols

