



Community Transport News

TRIP

Honiton Community
Transport
Spring 2010

Fundraising efforts stepped up for TRIP following funding cut-backs

TRIP is aiming to maintain all our services and, if possible, offer new ones BUT with local government civic belts being tightened leading to grant cuts, and national charity donors incomes being squeezed by low interest rates, the battle is on to ensure our services continue to operate. TRIP has already been told that our council grants for the coming year are being reduced by at least £7000. This, coupled with the increases in fuel & insurance costs over the past year, has made it even more difficult to fund our services. We have now got to look very closely at the viability of all our transport and may ultimately have to consider cuts unless we can get

more people using our buses or get extra funding from local parishes. We are also looking at how else we can operate even more efficiently. With the warmer weather there has already been an increase in the number of people using the Ring & Ride but we still need more people on the buses to help meet journey costs. This service is very important to a lot of people, as often the door to door bus ride is the only time they can leave their homes to shop and meet others. The Ring & Ride is not just about the shopping but is a vital 'social' service helping to overcome isolation. If you haven't used it then why not give us a try?



Our newest Ring & Ride bus parked near the TRIP office in Honiton

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU.

Donations & help with our fund-raising efforts towards updating vehicles and for general funds would be much appreciated.

We now have re-useable shopping bags for sale at £3.50

For more information please contact the TRIP office **on 46529**

Busiest time in years for TRIP voluntary car services— drivers cover 73,000 miles in 2009

The Honiton, Seaton and Lyme Regis voluntary car services all saw substantial increases in demand for both local journeys and trips to Exeter and further afield. Both Seaton & Lyme Regis saw their busiest years on record and the Honiton service saw numbers grow to levels not seen for several years. TRIP has also found that the needs of our passengers have changed with much higher demand for transport to the RD&E hospital compared to 5

years ago when most transport needed was for local appointments. This places more cost on the passengers and takes drivers out of town for longer. If passengers are on certain benefits then travel costs can be recovered at the hospitals— ask when you book

To use one of our services or if **you** want to become one of our Voluntary Car Drivers please contact the TRIP office on **01404 46529**. Driver mileage expenses are reimbursed.

Services available through TRIP:

- Honiton & District Ring & Ride door-to-door minibus service
- Honiton Voluntary Cars Service
- Seaton Voluntary Car Service
- Lyme Regis Voluntary Car Service
- Honiton & Seaton Accessible Transport
- Disability Aids sales— from stock and special order
- Mobility equipment hire & sales
- Hospital Transport requests
- Honiton area Fare Car Service— F5
- Accessible minibus & vehicle hire for community groups
- Public transport information— bus & train timetables
- Phone **01404 46529** to request transport

NEW JOURNEYS FOR SPRING 2010

The latest lists for your area should be enclosed with this newsletter, if missing please contact the TRIP office and another copy will be sent out. If you use the internet then details are regularly updated on our website www.tripcta.org

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Community Transport**

Find us on the net at
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for more details of our journeys
and services

TRIP Staff & Volunteers

Val Royle– Committee Chairman
Neil Hurlock– Office Manager
Tony Stephens– Assistant Manager
Julie Tame– Ring & Ride Coordinator
Sandra Fox– Vol. Car Coordinator
Meg Pipe & Joy Price– Volunteers
Angie Clarke– Ring & Ride Driver
Gordon Phillips– Ring & Ride Driver
Mark Sanders– Ring & Ride Driver
Paul Gadd– Honiton Renault Driver
Barry Randall– Honiton Renault
David Butcher– School Run Driver
Charles Hill– Seaton Renault Driver
Brian Coates– Seaton Renault Driver

Ring & Ride Volunteer
Drivers– John Manley,
Steve Brownridge,
Charles Pegman & Vic
Bowsher.

Thanks go out to them
and our other Volunteers
without whom we would
not be able to serve the
area so well.

TRIP currently has over
40 Voluntary Car Drivers
covering the East Devon
and West Dorset area
and 15 Voluntary Commit-
tee Members responsible
for the overall organisa-
tion.

Wide Range of Living Aids Available from stock

TRIP now offers a wide range of
items that could make your life
easier.

Having difficulty in keeping bal-
ance when carrying a heavy
shopping basket?

Walking stick end worn out or
fancy a nice new one?

Need almost anything to help
make your life easier at home?

Need a new or used mobility
scooter at reduced prices?

TRIP carry a range of items in
stock and can source others
from specialist catalogues that
give solutions to almost any
problem.

CURRENT STOCK includes...

Adjustable & folding walking
sticks in various patterns from
£13.95

Three wheel rollators with bag
£90

Four wheel rollators with seat
£105

Long reach grabber tool **£9.95**

We also stock a range of incon-
tinence supplies & pads

Warmer weather brings out the mobility scooters

The improvement in weather con-
ditions experienced during early
March has seen a rapid growth in
demand for powered and manual
wheelchairs and scooters for peo-
ple visiting Honiton. We had two
visitors to the town who were only
able to visit because TRIP had
mobility scooters available and
they enjoyed it so much they are
now planning to return regularly
during the year.

TRIP has several powered scoot-
ers and wheelchairs available for
daily hire or for longer periods if
necessary, we also have manual
wheelchairs. The equipment is
available for people with tempo-
rary disabilities such as a broken
leg or for people with longer term
issues. We also have a car trans-
portable scooter that can be used
when local people go away on
holiday.

To book a scooter or other equip-
ment please phone the office.
Charges are £5 per day for pow-
ered equipment and £2.50 per day
for manual wheelchairs. Rates are
reduced for longer term hire.



Our wheelchair accessible
disabled friendly vehicles are
available for use by groups or
individuals for social occasions
and other appointments and can
be hired with or without a driver–
phone for more details.

Win CASH Prizes!!

and help us raise funds.

Why not join the 100 club?

It costs £12 per year with a
monthly draw for a top prize of
£25, 2nd prize £10 and 3rd prize
of £5- Speak to Julie in the office