

# New Direction

West Cornwall & Isles of Scilly  
**Rural  
Transport  
Partnership**

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Scilly Rural Transport Partnership

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## ***New Face at West Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Rural Transport Partnership***

Hello to Colin Garrick who has taken over from Tim Andrewes as Project Officer.

## ***What is the Rural Transport Partnership?***

The Rural Transport (RTP) is an alliance of local organisations working to improve local people's access to services and facilities in rural west Cornwall (Carrick, Kerrier and Penwith) and the Isles of Scilly. We work with local communities to help identify their transport needs and find new ways of meeting them.

The RTP employs a project officer, Colin Garrick and a part time assistant Lindsey Mayes, to co-ordinate the partnership's activities and work.

We offer:

- Providing advice and access to training for community transport.
- Joined up action that links service users with transport operators and service providers.
- Grassroots solutions, based on identified need and community involvement.
- A local focus, with knowledge and expertise on access issues.
- An active role in project development and supporting existing community transport groups.

Colin and Lindsey can be contacted on either 01872 224605 or 01872 224428

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## ***New Minibus for West Penwith.***

The West Penwith Community Bus Group now operates a second vehicle 10 seater minibus to help improve the services that they provide. Since commencing their daily college service the community bus has carried 50 passengers per week to and from Penwith college.

For further information contact Beverley Hall on 0845 201 1359

### ***New Community Minibus for the Roseland***

The Roseland Community Bus was officially launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 at St Mawes. The 16 seater accessible vehicle is available for hire to community groups registered with Roseland Community Bus Association and later in the year the group hope to provide scheduled services.

The group is looking for volunteers to drive the minibus (minibus driver training will be provided).

For further information contact the Millennium Rooms St Mawes 01326 270440

### ***Shopmobility is coming to Truro***

A new scheme opening in May 2008 will be based in Moorfield Car Park in Truro. Working in partnership with Carrick District Council, Totally Truro and Cornwall County Council the scheme will enable many people with mobility restrictions to enjoy the shops, leisure and educational opportunities that the City of Truro provides. The scheme will be operated by Cornwall Centre for Volunteers.

It is envisaged that the new Truro Park and Ride service will link into the shopmobility scheme later this year.

Contact Brian Smith on 01872 265302 for further information.

### ***West Cornwall Wheels 2 Work***

This excellent scheme last year enabled 52 people, who were previously unable because of rural isolation, to access employment, education and training by hiring mopeds and cycles for a small weekly charge.

Ongoing funding for this scheme is not yet secure but it is earnestly hoped that future funding can be obtained to continue the scheme beyond April 2008.

For more information contact Annette Rule on 01209 611911

### ***West Cornwall Community Wheels extends into South Kerrier.***

From March 2008 West Cornwall Community Wheels will be operating a twice weekly ring and ride service from East Lizard into Helston. This will enable people to access health services as well as shops and recreation. This is the first stage of a 3 part project to improve access in the East Lizard area.

This initiative will involve the purchase of a new accessible vehicle which is being funded through the Cornwall Local Area Agreement.

Further updates on this project will appear in the next edition of New Directions.

For more information contact Becca Shearing at West Cornwall Community Wheels 01736 757364 or Colin Garrick.

## ***Community Transport Event***

The Rural Transport Partnership have organised a training event for Community Bus and Voluntary Car Operators which is being held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The event is being funded by DEFRA and training will be delivered by The Community Transport Association.

## ***Funding Still Available***

There is still a small amount of unallocated funding from DEFRA's Rural Social and Community Programme to help develop the capacity of the community transport sector and to increase the involvement of local communities in transport issues.

The following items are eligible:

Developing the Community Transport Sector:

- Training for staff, volunteers and community members
- Purchase of appropriate IT equipment and software where this will enhance their capacity.
- Buying in consultancy/advice on a range of issues, including the development of social enterprise models of delivery.

Community Involvement

- Survey and consultation work
- Set up costs for local groups, forums and associated staff costs
- Parish Transport Guides and other publications.

This funding has been arranged through the Cornwall Local Area Agreement. For further information contact Colin or Lindsey on 01872 224605 or 01872 224428

***Coming soon*** 

## ***North Carrick GP Travel Scheme***

A new project is being developed to improve access to the surgery in Perranporth for more information ring Colin on 01872 224605

## ***Voluntary Car Driving***

The RTP works with Voluntary Car Schemes and encourages drivers to help if they have time available.

The cost of taking people to hospital etc would be greatly reduced if volunteer drivers lived nearer the person that they were transporting.

The number of car miles travelled and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would also be greatly reduced in addition to saving fuel.

There is a need for volunteer car drivers in many parts of West Cornwall please contact Colin or Lindsey for further information on 01872 224605 or 01872 224428

## **Previous Quiz Result**

No correct answers were received.

The QUIZ this quarter's has five questions, you need to answer all five questions.

1. How many railway branch lines are there still running in Cornwall?
2. How many ferry crossings are there between Falmouth and St Mawes on a weekday during the winter?
3. Who was the patron saint of England before St George
4. What is the maximum engine size of bike that West Cornwall Wheels 2 Work hires out?
5. Which London tube station serves a football team with a royal link?

The first correct answer pulled out of a hat will receive the attractively produced 'Great Scenic Railways of Devon and Cornwall', which is packed full of information and photographs of the area's rail services.

Send your answers to the address below by email to [lmayes@carrick.gov.uk](mailto:lmayes@carrick.gov.uk).

Closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

## **Post 16 Transport Partnership**

Would like to receive bids for innovative travel schemes which would improve access to transport for the 14-19 age group. The Partnership will be able to offer grants of up to £5000 to successful applicants.

Please ring Colin Garrick for more details by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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