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MINIBUS NEWS



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Community Minibus Association Newsletter Storrington Division

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GOOD NEWS AT LAST!

As restrictions are lifted as part of the government's 'Road to Freedom', we are hoping to restart the Minibus service as soon as we are allowed which, at the moment, is 21st June. Initially it will be a local shopping service only, i.e. to Storrington and Pulborough. As the year progresses we will then include Chichester, Horsham and Worthing plus pub lunches and scenic trips; this will, of course, depend on demand from members.

From the 17th May we will be contacting passengers, by telephone, to find out whether they wish to continue to use the minibus, and also where they want to shop initially – either Storrington (Waitrose) or Pulborough (Tesco or Sainsbury). This will enable us to plan trips, with safety in mind, in case social distancing is still a requirement.

They will also be asked where else they would like to go when the service is expanded, whether it is the pub lunches, scenic outings or possible theatre trips to The Capitol in Horsham. Please feel free to feed back to us any suggestions you may have to improve our service whether it be pub venues, outings or shopping destinations.

If still required by the regulations, passengers will be asked to wear a face mask when travelling (unless officially exempted) and to use the hand sanitiser provided before entering the minibus. We recommend all passengers are vaccinated before travel.

Membership fees will be carried over from last year and fares are being kept at 2020 levels. If possible, we ask passengers to have the correct money for fares to minimise the handling of cash.

All drivers and escorts will be also contacted by Alan Moore, and booking office staff by Alison Reynolds to find out to find out if they are willing to carry on volunteering.

NEW CHAIRMAN/CEO: GERRY TONER



Gerry has worked as a director and consultant with several companies over his working life. His experience covers profit and not-for profit organisations and he has performed roles as a Managing Director and Chair. He is still active as a consultant and is involved with a Health Tech care provider using cloud and smartphone technology to support independent living and care workers. Gerry lives in Lancing and is a keen walker. Gerry came to Brighton from Belfast to attend Sussex University has lived in East or West Sussex for more than 40 years.

NEW TRUSTEE: KAY GIBBON



Kay was appointed in February 2021. She has extensive senior management experience spanning servicing, partnerships and marketing, gained with financial services and technology organisations. Central to roles held has been the customer, developing products and services to match customer needs, alongside creating processes and solutions to provide enhanced levels of customer experience. Kay lives locally – in Pulborough

HELP NEEDED PLEASE: *The following notice has been sent to several local organisations, and the Minibus website, so if you know someone with time on their hands – please encourage them to become a volunteer.*



'We are appealing for new volunteers to join our happy, diverse team. We need volunteer drivers, preferably in their 60s, with a clean driving licence. We also need assistants to help passengers while they are on the bus and booking office staff to take bookings and schedule the buses and crews. The association is an award-winning charity, run entirely by volunteers, that provides shopping trips and fun afternoon outings and pub lunch trips to members of our community without transport. It also provides a vital lifeline and social opportunities to the many amongst us who live alone. We are a really friendly bunch and would love to hear from you. If you are able to offer just a few hours of your time each month, please call Angela Reynolds on 01903 746648 or email timandangelareynolds@gmail.com'