

Community Transport for Langport & Huish Episcopi

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Langport has long needed a community Transport Group that helps its residents who are unable to get on the bus, easily ride in a taxi or use the Slinky bus services to get to their medical appointments, do their shopping, travel to social events and other important daily events. There used to be a Community Transport Service that offered a door to door service, but this was decommissioned after many attempts to stop it back in 2008 (?), since then there has been a significant gap in services for the need as confirmed by members of the Senior Citizens Social Club, the Village Agent and members of the public.

We are asking that LTC help to start a charity (under LTC) that will provide this service to our residents, as we will need to create a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A certain amount of time will be needed from Deputy Clerk – Morag Kelly and we are seeking your endorsement.

We have a small team of volunteers who are interested in this working group and have done much research into how we can do this and what's required: -

- Constitution & Governance (policies)
- Bank Account
- Funding in way of Grants, crowdfunding, donations
- Help from Sparks sought... Safeguarding and DBS checks; Insurance; Stationery, Administrator, Booking System & Office Space; Fuel; Risk Assessments; Health & Safety; Expenses and Most Importantly a Wheelchair Friendly Vehicle!

Charities Act 2011 – FOR INFO

Section 3 of the Charities Act 2011 Provides that charitable purposes must be for the public benefit and must fall within any of the following categories:

- d) the advancement of health or the saving of lives
- h) the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.