



“Weston Wheels”, Progress Report 1.

The new, Weston to Bristol, **Volunteer Hospital Car Drivers** scheme has started, with several ‘trips’ already undertaken by our first, dozen or so, ‘volunteer drivers’. Bearing in mind that few GP’s surgeries have got round to publicising the service as yet, this is quite encouraging.

We have no doubts that, as the ‘service’ becomes more widely known, the need for many more volunteer car drivers will become critical. We would therefore ask all our members,- (and any other ‘readers’ of this newsletter), to let us know of anyone interested in helping to ‘build’ this very important facility for assisting those with vital Hospital or specialists appointments, to keep them. The number to contact is, (01934) – 629657.

Drivers are ‘paid’ – (by the Patient carried,) – any ‘Out of Pocket’ expenses and joining “Weston Wheels” automatically ensures any ‘insurance’ concerns are covered. Arrangements for ‘Parking’ are also being addressed, the aim being to make the experience for both Patient and Driver, as ‘hassle free’ as possible. We look forward to hearing from all those interested and concerned with this important “service”.

Round Robin, Villages Service

The service we currently run on a Monday & Wednesday, starts at the Weston General Hospital and ends in the Town Centre travelling through Hutton and Locking, Locking Parklands, Oaktree Park, Hutton Moor Park and ASDA.

Two of the trips we undertake on this route (the first return from Town and the second trip out from the Hospital) are very rarely used. I am therefore, reviewing the journeys we provide and will be ceasing these two unused trips in favour of a new route servicing St Georges and part of Preanes Green in Worle.

We are hoping to commence this new service on 01st Jul the starting point will be outside the Woolpack Pub at St Georges and head into town via Riverside Medical Centre in Walford Avenue, Preanes Green, Morrisons, Oak Tree Park Home site, Hutton Moor Park home site and Asda.

I would like to assure all our passengers that we will continue to run the early Locking service to town using this new route and the late service back for as long as we can, but continuation of all our services is very much reliant on passenger use.

At present the existing 'Round Robin' Villages service is subsidised by a Department of Transport grant and subsidy, but this expires in April 2014, so regrettably after that date, this service will only continue if we have the passengers to pay for it.

Membership and other payments.

Could I please remind you to put the word 'LIMITED' or abbreviated as 'LTD' on any cheque or money order you send to W&DCT, apparently Banking rules have changed and they are now insisting that the word is there.

I have enclosed another copy of the membership renewal, could I please request those of you who have not yet renewed to do so by return of post.

NOTICE

WESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of Weston & District Community Transport are cordially invited to join the trustees and staff for the AGM. The AGM will take place on 21st August 2013 at St. Saviours Church Hall Locking Road. The meeting will commence at 2p.m and will and conclude following some light refreshments at approximately 4.45p.m.

It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting and we look forward to welcoming you all on the day.

If you need transport to get to the AGM please book this early to avoid disappointment.