

TRANSPORT TASK GROUP

UPDATE FEBRUARY 2015

The MORPETH MINIBUS Community Transport Trial that ran from September to Christmas last year was reasonably well used. Therefore we are proposing to run this service for a further trial period up to late September 2015 if CELL BigLocal is granted the Local Trust Lottery Funds that we have applied for. If this application is successful, we hope to restart this service as soon as possible and a notice showing the details of this service will be displayed in the four villages and on the CELL website. Following some feedback from the users of this service, we are proposing to alter the return times (Morpeth to the CELL area) **from** 1230 and 1430 **to** 1330 and 1530, *i.e.* one hour later than before. We also are proposing to use the same Bus Stops as on the first trial with the addition of a stop at the Golden Sands caravan site in Cresswell.

We would like to hear from as many residents as we can as to whether these changes would be helpful to you before we implement them. We will make a final decision in Mid March so please let us know what you think using the CELL website or by contacting us by any means you can use.

We have also applied for funds to run a trial re-instatement of the ARRIVA ROUTE 1 SERVICE from Ashington to Wansbeck Hospital, Lynemouth, Ellington and Cresswell on Sundays and Public Holidays. If this application is successful, we hope this service will run from 24th May 2015 until 20 September 2015. We will keep you informed of progress with this via the CELL website. ARRIVA may have their own means of advertising the service if it is approved.

The Transport Task Group is also exploring how we can provide other Community Transport services to CELL residents. We would like to hear from any established Club or Group of local residents who would like to make use of a subsidised Community Transport opportunity for some of their activities. Providing that these activities are a genuine part of the Group's purpose and objectives, we believe that the CELL BigLocal project may be able to provide such a service. Please contact us via the CELL website if you believe your group would like to hear more about this proposal.

