

# East Vale Community Transport

March/April 2021

## **Future Plans**

As the prospect of returning to a full service remains a distant prospect, it has been decided with Steve's co-operation that the post of part time co-ordinator will come to an end at the end of April. EVCT will be run on a voluntary basis until the situation changes and demand for a service resumes. Contact details will remain the same.

As the demand for a full service seems as far away as ever, the trustees have decided to partially hibernate EVCT until confidence in communal travelling in minibuses resumes. This will save ongoing costs at a time when the charity is receiving no income from journeys.

The telephone, e-mail, internet and Facebook pages will be monitored on a regular basis and contact can be made in the usual way.

We hope that this will be only a part time measure and are hoping very much to return to the road as soon as the demand returns with lockdown easing.

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## **Annual General meeting 2020**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 AGM has been delayed, but will now take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> on zoom at 2.00pm. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to join. If you want to take part in the meeting contact Steve on [eastvalect@aol.com](mailto:eastvalect@aol.com) for a link. If you have any matters for the agenda, please contact us by email or letter before Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thanks.**

A big thanks to all our volunteer drivers who remain committed to EVCT and are currently making themselves available for vaccine runs.

Although there are limited opportunities to drive, we would welcome enquiries from new volunteers for the future.

## **Vaccination trips.**

Our service provision has had to change due to the pandemic. Regulations mean that we cannot provide group journeys at the moment due to Covid regulations. We are available to take individuals and their escorts to their vaccination centres for their appointments. Buses have been fitted with perspex shields separating the drivers from passengers and PPE is supplied. Buses are cleaned after every journey.

Unfortunately drivers are unable to provide personal care support on these journeys but we are able to provide return transport and wait at the surgery. A small suggested donation of £5 per return journey would be appreciated to help cover costs.

We are also able to provide transport for hospital or medical appointments. We are concentrating on providing a service within our local area, but are able to help give you contact details of other organisations if you wish to travel further afield.

This service will be offered until the end of April and then reviewed thereafter.