

Spring 2025

 North Norfolk
Community Transport

Newsletter



Spring greetings from all of us at NNCT. Did you know this year is our 25th birthday? We have got some special plans on ways to celebrate which you can read about further on in this newsletter. Some of you will have been in our new electric minibuses. We are very proud to be doing our bit to help the environment, and grateful for the funding we received to buy it.



Excursions

You may remember from the last newsletter that our National Lottery funding has come to an end, but we are still planning a limited programme of trips over the coming months. You will find a new list for your area with this newsletter. We have tried to pick the most popular places, including the garden centres which many people seem to enjoy. We will keep under review how many excursions we can run as this is so dependent on funding. It is very unlikely we will be able to add second buses on the most popular trips, but we will do our best to run these more than once so everyone can reach their favourite destination.

It is important that we limit places to ten people on each bus. This is simply so there is somewhere to safely accommodate the walkers and frames, and of course shopping bags. We also do have quite a lot of late cancellations, often on the morning of the trip, so although it may look like we have spare space, there is a good reason for this. We completely understand sometimes it is unavoidable to cancel, but if you can give us as much notice as possible, it means someone else can take your place. If a trip is full, it is always worth putting your name on the reserves list.

There will be no opening times for booking. Just ring as soon as you know which trips you would like to book. Please be kind to the team, they do their very best, but we simply can't always accommodate everyone that wants to travel.

Birthday Celebrations



On June 14th 2000 North Norfolk Community Transport was officially born as a charity, so we are celebrating with our passengers with a special treat. **During the week 16th – 20th June all Dial-a-Ride bus trips will be free of charge.** We would also like to let you know that our AGM is on Tuesday 30th September at the St Nicholas Hall in North Walsham. Everyone is welcome to join us. It is a chance for you to meet our Trustees and talk to them about your experience of using our transport. We hope you like our 25th anniversary celebration birthday cards. For some of our passengers, this is the only card they receive, and it really cheers them up.



Membership

We are trying to cut down on administration costs, so we're going to renew everyone's membership from 1st April each year and combine this with sending out a newsletter and any other information. If you have already recently paid your membership don't worry about renewing it again. If any of this is confusing, please feel free to ring the office and we can have a chat. We are keeping the fee the same – a £10 voluntary donation – but if anyone would like to really help us, and is able to, we are asking for a '£25 for 25 years' special donation. This really does help us keep everything running in the face of spiralling costs for insurance and vehicle maintenance.

Fares

As always, our biggest challenge is finding funding. You will see we have increased fares from 1st May by 50p in each band. We hope this doesn't adversely affect your ability to afford the service. If it does, please contact the office directly, and with complete confidentiality we will make an arrangement for you. We don't want anyone to miss out on using the bus because they cannot afford the fares.

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