### NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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# A Message From The Chair - Barrie Swift

Welcome to a brand-new year at
Newcastle Community Transport! 2024 was
a fantastic year of growth and progress for
our charity. We're thrilled to share that
we've officially become a **Charity**Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a
new charity number. This marks a
significant milestone, ensuring a brighter
future for our mission to connect and serve
the community.

Additionally, our new **Facebook** page is now live! Follow us for updates, community stories, and announcements. We would also love your input as we plan how to publicise our work further in 2025 - so please get in touch if you have any creative ideas!

## MEET OUR NEW BABY BUS!

We're proud to introduce our latest addition: the **Baby Bus!** This versatile, blue vehicle has been a game-changer, primarily used for **medical appointments**. With space for **one wheelchair and two carers**, it's already making a difference in improving access and mobility for our users.



The **Baby Bus** is another step forward in making our transport services more accessible!



# Volunteer Drivers Needed!

As our customer base continues to grow, we need more **volunteer drivers** to help us reach more isolated areas, including Swinnerton, Kidsgrove, Longton, Cheadle, Madeley, and Stone.

#### What we offer:

- Flexible schedules
- Mileage allowance
- The chance to make a positive impact on your community



Interested in joining our team?
Contact us on 01782 627 770

#### A Fond Farewell: Margaret Retires At 82

After many years of dedicated service, Margaret is retiring at the remarkable age of **82**! We thank her for her invaluable contributions as Treasurer and wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement!

We are now looking for someone to fill Margaret's shoes. Could it be you? This is a work-fromhome role with support and training provided. Contact us for more information.

#### Behind The Phones: Jez's Success Story



Since joining us in **September.** Jez has been a pivotal part of NCT, handling phone calls, arranging bookings, and ensuring our transport services run smoothly. His efforts have been transformational, with timely invoices improving our cash flow and **customer feedback** at an all-time high.

**Thank you**, Jez, for the incredible work you're doing to support us!

# FUNDING APPROVED!

We would like to say a massive thank you to Staffordshire's County Councillors for their ongoing support and help in raising awareness about NCT. Look out for a press release detailing their contributions later this year!



Newcastle Community Transport Social Inclusion within the Community

Funding has been received through Staffordshire County Council's 2024 Community Fund and was supported by

> Councillor Derrick Huckfield Councillor Graham Hutton Councillor Jeremy Pert Councillor James Salisbury Councillor Simon Tagg

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

A heartfelt thanks to all our **volunteer drivers** for their dedication and compassion. You are the backbone of NCT, and your work does not go unnoticed.

Let's drive forward into 2025 together!



#### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

Scan the QR code below to visit our
Facebook page and stay updated on our
latest news and events. Join the
conversation and help us spread the word
about Newcastle Community Transport!



## New Beginnings: Nicky's Story

Since joining Newcastle
Community Transport, I have
been fortunate to contribute to
several exciting developments,
including the creation of this very
newsletter! With the support of
our incredible team, we've
streamlined admin processes,
improved communication, and
made strides in firmly connecting
with our community.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into the NCT family - here's to an amazing 2025!