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# NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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## In Gear For Good: NCT's Car Boot Sale Builds Momentum!

Members from Newcastle Community Transport recently took part in a successful car boot sale in Cheadle, raising a fantastic £100 in support of our services!

Thanks to the generosity of donors and the enthusiasm of bargain hunters, the event not only helped raise vital funds but also brought the community together in support of accessible transport for those who need it most.

Every pound raised will go directly towards maintaining and improving our services. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, donated or attended - we're incredibly grateful for your support!

## Thank You For Joining Us!

A big thank you to everyone who attended our recent Annual General Meeting - your continued interest and support mean a great deal to NCT.

Our next drivers meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at **5.30pm**, and we welcome anyone who would like to attend.

A special thank you goes out to the **Queensberry Police Amateur Boxing Club** for kindly allowing us to host the meetings at their venue - your generosity is truly appreciated.



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## A Message From The Secretary

As Barrie and I mark our first year as trustees, it's a moment to pause and reflect on what has been an incredibly fast-paced and transformative journey. With the majority of our infrastructure changes now complete, we can finally take a breath and appreciate how far we've come.

Over the past year, we've had the opportunity to build strong, supportive relationships and gain invaluable knowledge from those we've met along the way. The learning curve has been steep, but the support and patience shown by everyone has been truly appreciated.

We're also pleased to have welcomed two new trustees, who joined us in September. They've already made a significant impact in their chosen areas of focus - **fundraising and transport operations** - and their contributions are helping to drive NCT forward.

Finally, a special thank you to **Jamie from Support Staffordshire**, whose guidance has been instrumental. As he rightly said, *"You've achieved so much in such a short timescale"*. We're proud of what's been accomplished - and excited for what's yet to come!

## Congratulations Neil

A big well done to Neil for completing his **MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme)** online training!

This qualification ensures our drivers meet high standards of safety and passenger care.

We're also pleased to share that we are exploring the idea of offering **MiDAS training to new volunteer drivers** who have been with NCT for a number of months. If you're interested in learning more, please speak to a member of the team!



## NCT Become CIO - A New Chapter Begins

As of **1<sup>st</sup> January**, Newcastle Community Transport is now officially registered as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** under the new charity number **1209739**. We have submitted a request for the closure of the previous unincorporated charity structure.

While our legal structure has changed, our **aims, values, and commitment to the community remain exactly the same**. This new status strengthens our governance and allows us to operate with greater flexibility and security moving forward.

We continue to uphold our charitable aim:

***"To provide accessible and affordable transport to support inclusion and independence"***.

# Funding Boost Helps NCT Go The Extra Mile

We're delighted to share that **Stafford County Council** has awarded **£2,200** to Newcastle Community Transport through their local **Community Fund**.



With over **120 regular users** and nearly **5,000** trips per year, our service continues to be a



vital lifeline for those who might otherwise struggle to access medical appointments, shops, social clubs, and more.

One local couple, John and Chris, described our service as *"brilliant"* and said *"without it, we'd be totally lost"*.

We're incredibly grateful for the continued support from Staffordshire County Council and all of our dedicated volunteers who help keep this service moving.



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## 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**