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Letter to all T17 Volunteers, Shareholders and Clubs

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Dear All

Transport 17 Update

We hope that this finds you keeping well and staying safe.

It is a few months now since we sent you an update and it would have been impossible to predict where we are now when we put those notes together for you. As it is, we're just entering another 'lockdown' period and whilst some of you will have been shielding and limiting what you do, others of you will have started to enjoy a few more freedoms which have now once more been put on hold. These are certainly difficult times and for those of you who have lost loved ones, who have health worries or family and friends who are unwell, our thoughts are with you. We do, of course, think of those who have enjoyed using our service and who cannot currently get out and about and for them and our volunteers who enjoy helping them, we hope that we will see the buses on the road again in 2021.

Restarting our service

It now seems more and more likely that it will be Spring 2021 before the Transport 17 buses are needed again. In the meantime, we are keeping the buses going with regular trips on the road and their batteries topped up. Thanks go to Denis Dacey, Mike Roberts and Dick Butterworth for their help with this. All three buses will have had their MOTs by end of November and we're in touch with the Tail lift centre about repairing the MX10 tail lift (for which we received funding from SCC earlier in the year) so that they are ready to go when needed.

Thanks to volunteers who are leaving

Wendy Trotter has decided to step down from the Management Committee and we want to record our thanks for all the time and energy she has put into Transport 17 over many years. Wendy has been involved with Transport 17 since the 1990s when she and her late husband Jim became volunteers, Jim driving and Wendy as a passenger assistant. Wendy joined the Management Committee when she retired as a volunteer on the buses. She has seen many changes in Transport 17 since she became involved and her knowledge, insight and understanding of the organisation is second to none which has been invaluable to the Management Committee. More or less throughout her time with Transport 17 Wendy has been involved with fund-raising and she would like to continue as a member of the Fundraising Events Sub-Committee which is hugely appreciated.

We also want to put on record our thanks to Hazel Brand as she is moving to Bakewell so she won't be quite so involved with Transport 17. Hazel has been a Passenger Assistant and an active member of the Fundraising Events Sub-Committee and her help and support will be missed. We hope to see her at events when we can hold them again in the future and we wish her well in her new home.

Thanks must also go to David Billington who has been providing financial support over the last nine months and who has helped out at T17 Fundraising events. He's now stepping back and we wish him well.

Fundraising

We are fortunate that whilst we have not had any income from our Clubs since April 2020, we have also not had many outgoings. The landlord – Andrew Morton – has been generous in not charging us rent for the last six months and the grant payable from SYPTE has continued.

We have however missed out on our main fundraising events and from funds raised by other local events. Transport 17 is therefore thrilled to have been chosen once again as a Co-op 'local cause' for 2020/21. This means that you can support us just by doing your shopping and using other Co-op services! Transport 17 is one of the Co-op's local causes between 25th October 2020 and 23rd October 2021 so please help us to make the most of this opportunity by simply selecting us as your chosen local cause. As before when Co-op Members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% to a local cause. You can choose Transport 17 as your local cause by going on-line at www.coop.co.uk/membership or by phoning 0800 023 4708. If you're not a Member of the Co-op, why not join today? It costs just £1 to join and as well as helping to raise money for Transport 17, as a Member you'll have other benefits, including earning rewards in store, weekly personalised offers and exclusive member deals. You can join by downloading the Co-op App, online, or over the phone or by visiting your local Co-op and asking for a membership form. Our local Dore and Topley stores have always been a great help to us by donating raffle prizes and advertising our events and we know that they will continue this support so a big 'thank you' to them too.

The Fundraising Events Sub-Committee are also thinking about other ways in which we might hold 'events' whilst we can't get together in person, including a treasure hunt around the local area. If this is something you think you might be able to help with, please do get in touch!

New Coordinator

We said in our last update that we were looking to recruit a new Co-ordinator to make sure that we are ready once we're needed again and to help to map out a way forward for Transport 17. We advertised for this position in September and involved volunteers Neil and David in shortlisting before interviews were held involving Joanna from People Keeping Well and Ian from Sheffield Community Transport. As we were doing this, it was becoming increasingly difficult to know what the ever changing Covid-19 situation was going to mean for Transport 17 and we were starting to think that it wouldn't be appropriate to appoint to a salaried position. The announcement of a further lockdown from early November reinforced this and therefore we have now decided not to appoint a new Coordinator at the present time. Jenny will continue to keep on top of the paperwork and we will put in place some financial administrative support.

The Management Committee is committed to the future of Transport 17. By continuing to be a part of the local People Keeping Well network, accessing fundraising opportunities and keeping the buses in a roadworthy condition, Transport 17 will be here to serve the local community when we can all get out and about again once more. In the meantime, we hope that you all stay safe and keep healthy in these very difficult times.

If you have any questions about anything in this update, please do get in touch via admin@transport17.co.uk or leave a message on 0114 2362962 and we will get back to you.

With best wishes



Jenny Nuttall

Secretary

On behalf of the T17 Management Committee