

# **Boston Big Local Funding report: Boston Community Transport**

#### Quarter 2: October-December 17

Over the last 3 months Boston Community Transport has:

- Has launched our new website, which we have already had lots of visits to and enquiries from www.bostonct.org.uk – please take a look, we would appreciate your feedback.
- Finalised and printed new marketing materials including DL flyers, posters, pens and keyrings.
- Started a distribution program for marketing materials.
- Has developed a work program for the next 2 years.
- Increased drivers to 11.
- Looked to increasing the part time hours of the new co-ordinator in the New Year.

## **Update:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 Boston Community Transport moved offices, still within the Len Medlock Centre, now occupying 2 offices with space for more volunteers.

With the implementation of new 3 new drivers we have been able to widen our availability. In the past week Boston Community Transport have also interviewed two further drivers due to start in the New Year, taking us to 12 drivers in total.

The new website has been a huge success with some very positive feedback, we have also received many enquiries through the online form.

New membership packs are being put together for each customer, new and existing, to include a pen, keyring, membership card and details of the scheme.

### Service user feedback:

Boston Community Transport's aim, working with BBL, is to reduce social isolation, quality of life and rurality. We feel that these comments reflect this achievement:

Mrs P – 'You provide such a wonderful service, you really do. I can't speak highly enough of you'

Mrs DP – 'I always have the same 2 drivers, they are such lovely gentlemen, I recommended you to everyone in my warden assisted village'

Mrs C – 'You're new young lady driver is so kind'

Mrs L – 'I am new to the scheme and I have used you 3 times, each one has been truly wonderful, thank you'

Current feed back has been taken telephone comments.

### Membership:

Our current membership currently stands at 241, an increase of 12 in the last 3 months, with many pending forms due back.

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Many Boston Community Transport members are resident in the following Boston Big Local postcodes. (those not in bold are new postcodes to the scheme).

PE21 6EH	PE21 6JF	PE21 6JG	PE21 6JN	PE21 6JU	PE21 6NS	PE21 6NW	PE21 6PA
PE21 6QY	PE21 6RY	PE21 6SS	PE21 6DX	PE21 6JL	PE21 6JJ		
PE21	PE21 8AX	PE21	PE21 8BZ	PE21	PE21 8DL	PE21 8DP	PE21
8BA		8BN		8DA			8DU
PE21 8EG	PE21 8EU	PE21 8EY	PE21 8GH	PE21 8JG	PE21 8NN	PE21 8TG	PE21 8UE
PE21 8PA	PE21 8YB	PE21 8AJ	PE21 8BY	PE21 8EL	PE21 8HJ	PE21 8HY	PE21 8JN
PE21 8JQ	PE21 8PD						

#### Trends and Evaluation of the Scheme:-

71 journeys within the BBL catchment area were carried out in October, 74 in November and 56\* in December, showing a large increase month on month (\*report carried out 13<sup>th</sup> December, December figures taken as read on that day to include future bookings already made, may well be a further increase).

With our new marketing material now printed a huge promotional drive will take place in the New Year, focussing on continued development within Boston and including BBL residents within the area.

Over 90% of our journeys are still health related, but with more publicity and awareness of the essential service we provide we are starting to increase alternative journeys, such a social clubs, hairdressers, shops and Boston College.

We are looking to recruit more administration volunteers in the new year.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our continued appreciation of your support of Boston Community Transport in 2017 and we look forward to working with you again in 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Angela Gould BCT Car Scheme Coordinator 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017