



Connecting our Communities

16th September 2021

Mr Jim Roberts -Clerk to Aylesbeare Parish Council

Dear Jim

Grant Request

Firstly, Thank You, as we have been fortunate to be beneficiaries of your support in the past. Usually, I would be updating you on how your kind donation has been 'spent', but as you can imagine, the past 18 months demand on service need has been slightly different.

Wow-what a year and a bit! TRIP 'stayed open'. We adapted services and helped the Coronavirus Community response where we could! For example, at the start of the pandemic, we worked with other community groups, mainly coordinating volunteers and service requests, providing safeguarding checks and coordinating over 7,000 shopping requests. So that's 7000 times some of the most vulnerable people in our communities were supported to shield, keeping themselves safe.

It is funny to think back, but you may recall the uncertain and high anxiety many felt, not knowing how the virus was transmitted or why it affected people differently. As you can imagine, our bus/ring & ride income stopped overnight, but we knew people still needed help and support. So knowing we had the support from your parish and other groups, we could keep our services open. Alongside the shopping, we also maintained vital volunteer medical transport and Befriending support services. I can assure you that every penny was needed in helping us support our communities.

Now, as we continue to 'exit' from the pandemic, there are still uncertainties. There are levels of anxiety, both from speaking to service users as well as 'us' making sure we keep our services 'open', so we are here as needed. To enable this, we have implemented risk management processes and will continue to follow strict Government advice.

We are proud that we can adapt and provide a high level of safe support, and I hope you will see how TRIP has and continues to make a difference to so many people. In our communities, we can not put a price on providing a safe service for some of the most vulnerable. We can only do this with continued funding and therefore ask if you would consider a grant application to support TRIP. Attached to this email is an up-to-date parish services leaflet, which can be shared/distributed as need. If you would like me to post you some copies, please let me know. Of course, as ever when allowed, I would welcome an opportunity to come, promote and review our services in your parish.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

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TRIP

In Aylesbeare

TRIP Wheels



TRIP Wheels provides easy access and wheelchair friendly transport for those with restricted mobility. No matter if it is a long-term health condition, or a temporary mobility restriction - our service can take you to medical and social appointments and help to ensure nobody is isolated due mobility issues. This service is also used to transfer individuals between care homes or for respite care.

TRIP Ring & Ride

Our door-to-door easy access and wheelchair friendly minibus service makes regular trips throughout our area to pick up people who are isolated, have mobility issues or struggle to make it out, no matter the age. Our journeys range from trips to the local shops, to regional attractions and weekends away.



Regular service for Aylesbeare includes
Thursday's Trip Out

Befriending Hubs

Chance to meet up, share lunch or afternoon tea and be part of a like-minded group. Each week the activity will change, but could be anything from dance, to a guest speaker.

**Starting
September 14th**



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TRIP in Aylesbeare

TRIP Mobility

TRIP Mobility stock a large range of new and used mobility scooters and equipment to fit all needs. From long-range scooters to easy fold models, our team can find the perfect scooter for you at the right price.



As a charity we can provide you with free and unbiased advice on the right equipment for you

We can also provide servicing and repairs for your scooter



Free home delivery & setup is also available

Communities Together

For those who occasionally need support when dealing with those little tasks that can sometimes appear unachievable. We help link you with members of our team or the community and between us all, we can make a big difference getting these jobs done! Plus, unbiased advice, guidance and signposting as needed.

We need volunteers!

Have some spare time? Want to make a difference? We are looking for volunteers to help with the wide range of services we provide. With PPE, full-time office support and paid expenses - TRIP is a fantastic place to donate some of your time. We welcome any help you can give and are particularly interested in:

- Voluntary Car Drivers
- Befrienders
- Remote helpers

If you would like to become one of our voluntary car drivers, help out in the office, support us remotely or volunteer for us in any other way, contact us on 01404 46529



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