

REPORT ON THE AGM OF THE EARLEY COMMUNITY MINIBUS HELD ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This is an independently registered charity that operates a single 14 seater minibus for the benefit of the local community. The personnel are all unpaid volunteers. They offer cheap door to door travel for mainly elderly or disabled groups that are unable to use regular methods of transport.

After the difficulties of the past two years Earley Bus slowly began operations in October 2021. Although not up to pre-covid levels yet, there has been a gradual increase in hirings over the winter. Regular hirers are returning but there is a need for advertising.

As income from hires were depleted and office rent, Bus Insurance, Telephone and First Aid courses remained the same, there was a small deficit in the accounts of £436.

The Committee is investigating buying a new minibus the money for which is already earmarked.

A D1 licence is required for drivers of the minibus and the number of volunteers holding this driving qualification is diminishing. The committee is looking for ways to publicise its need for more volunteers.

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