

The 106 Partnership

Communities in support of our local buses

Dear Friend

November 2019

It has been nearly a year since our last newsletter so I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the current status of the 106 bus service. In the first nine months of 2019 the service carried over 5000 passengers from villages and hamlets along the route, many of whom rely on the bus as a lifeline to get to services and shops as well as providing an opportunity to get out and about to socialise with friends and family.

Earlier this year we welcomed our new secretary, James Levens from Shap Wells Hotel. Our previous secretary, Libby Bateman is working alongside James as he finds his feet. We thank James for stepping forward to help us keep this route running for the benefit of all.

The 106 bus service costs around £8,000 per year in subsidies to keep running. This money is raised through donations from parish councils, along with grant awards from various bodies and membership of our Friends Of 106 Bus which invites donations of £15/year to help keep the route running. Our Friends Of membership is due for renewal for 2019, please find a copy of the renewal form on the reverse of this newsletter and please do support us if you feel the service is of value to your community.

Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, our current contract with Stagecoach expires in June so we will shortly be undertaking a procurement exercise to invite tenders for the contract from 2020 – 2022. We currently have just over £11,000 in our bank account which will see us through the next 12 months but we will need to continue with our fundraising to ensure the contract is sustainable from 2021 – 2022. Hopefully we will then be looking to extend for a further 2 years, depending on demand and support from the parishes served by the route. Please let your parish council know how the bus benefits you so it is encouraged to continue with its support.

Please do get in touch with us if you are able to help in anyway with our fundraising. Perhaps you could hold a coffee morning in your village hall, or a quiz night in your local pub. This service is run by the community for the community, our committee and trustees work on a voluntary basis to keep a professional bus company serving this route. Please help out if you can to enable us to maintain this route for the benefit of everybody into the future.

Finally, we will be holding our AGM at Shap Memorial Hall on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm. Please come along and join us if you can. Please contact Libby Bateman on 07759665233 if you would like to go but cannot get there and we will try to arrange a lift for you, as sadly the bus doesn't run in the evenings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Steve Simpson, Chairman

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