

Rushton Community Minibus



Report for RPC Meeting on the 19th November prepared by Mike Brightman. Agenda Item 66/25

The Minibus is in good working order with no issues, damage or faults. Current Mileage 43512.

Minibus Accessibility

As previously reported about the difficulties that some of our passengers have in boarding and aligning the minibus, a number of solutions were discussed. It was agreed to look at fold out steps with handrails providing evenly spaced multiple steps. The search and discussions are ongoing.

Moving Forward

The temporary extension to our Friday Shopping trip to pick up passenger from Rothwell continues. The numbers can vary so it is intended to continue the extended service into the new year before a final decision to register the revised route.

We will continue to run this as an experimental service with the options to make ongoing changes or withdraw the service if it is not beneficial to the operation of the Rushton Community Minibus. If this service is successful, we will require Rothwell TC to source volunteer drivers who will join our regular drivers and the costs for the MiDAS training and obtain their advanced DBS which will be provided by Rothwell TC.

Working with several groups on this project has also benefited our other minibus community and private hires services. It has also benefitted the Village Hall Film nights by increasing the audience attendance covering the costs to the benefit our parish.

MiDAS Training

5 drivers have now attended their MiDAS update training. The total cost for this training was £960.00

Service and MOT Testing

The minibus passed its MOT test at High Cross Motors in Irthlingborough. There were a few more advisories added to the list, but no further actions are required at this time, Tyetune will keep this under review during the 8-week safety checks.

Repairs

The offside door mirror was broken and has now been replaced

The sliding door handle mechanism failed and has now been replaced

The automatic sliding step has failed and at this time is awaiting repair.

The new dash camera that was purchased as part of the Minibus regeneration grant is due to be fitted on Monday 17th. The camera has a rear facing facility fitted therefore we need to fix CCTV in operation sign within the bus, and the driver will need to isolate the camera when children passengers are carried.

Operating Documents

The Regular Journey Details and Record form has been updated with the requirements for the School Bus reflective signs, updated regular destination and the addition of further required checks.