

OWLS Community Car Scheme Report to Longstanton Parish Meeting 10th May 2017

Dear Parish Council.

Libby has asked me to produce a short report for your meeting. So here it is

You may remember that OWLS (Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Swavesey) Community Car Scheme, was founded in 2011, to provide transport for fellow villagers who did not access to transport to enable them to attend mainly Hospital, and related medical appointments. It also provides limited transport for those attending social events.

The scheme is run by volunteer drivers, 20 at this time, and volunteer co-ordinators, who take telephone requests (07505 254363) for those wishing to make use of the scheme.

That is very briefly how the scheme operates. If anybody would like to more info: please ring.

The Scheme has seen an increase in the numbers of villagers making use of the scheme, perhaps this is natural as it becomes more well known. I believe there are many more that could make use of the scheme, but are apprehensive. Can I request through your Council for people not to be apprehensive. We're a friendly bunch and really would like to help if we can.

For info: in 2012 417 journeys were undertaken which in 2016 had risen to 983.

Although on paper we have quite a number of drivers many have limited availability, so again through your Council can I request that anybody in Longstanton who feels he/she may be able to help please ring for a non committal chat?

Many thanks

Pete Hynes
OWLS Chair