



NEWS - SPRING 2018

SWAN Transport is a volunteer car scheme providing transport for those in B&NES who are older, frail or disabled on a low income. If you would like a journey or to drive for us, please call: 01761 439548.

Swan has had a very busy time since Christmas which is great news...

We have also had 4 new drivers join us since March bringing our team to 28 - which is exactly what we needed, as we are having to occasionally turn bookings away, especially in places like Bath and Keynsham where we have a smaller number of drivers doing an amazing job covering those areas. So please keep on applying – further details are on the back of this newsletter.

Our grateful thanks go out to all our drivers who enable us to run such a vital service – they are truly Stars in their Cars!



Do you shop online and would like Swan to get the benefit of a small donation when you buy something?

Using Ebay checkout could support our charity's work:



If you use Ebay to buy goods online, you may have noticed during the checkout process that a charity appears at the bottom of the screen that you can choose to make a donation to if you prefer. Swan has now registered with both Paypal and Ebay, so if you wanted to choose Swan as your Favourite Charity on Ebay, we would appear during the checkout process whenever you buy something on Ebay. This gives you the option if you wanted, to occasionally donate a small sum like **£1** or **£2** towards our transport scheme.

To make us your Favourite Charity, Go to Ebay.co.uk and login as normal, then click on **My Ebay**. You will appear on the 'Activity' tab in My Ebay - click over to the **Account** tab. In the left hand menu near the bottom click on **Donation account**, then above where it says 'Pending Donations' there is a little tab called 'Dashboard', click next to it onto **Favourites** and search for **Swan Advice Network**, which is our official charity name.

Finally you click on **Add to My Favourites** located below this. It should then show a heart symbol with 'My Favourite Charity' next to it and you are all set!

Introducing Swan Driver – Derek Livsey ...



Hi, my name is Derek Livsey I come from Rudgeway in Gloucestershire, just the other side of the Avon, spent about 12 years near the smoke (Reading) then I moved to Midsomer Norton in 1980 so I think I am half accepted as a local now. I have always worked as an electronics engineer and finished my career by working for SRT Marine Technology, a global maritime navigation technology company based on the Westfield Trading Estate.

I joined the local Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions club in 2001, being introduced by the then well-known local photographer, Barry Rogers. Lions allowed me to give back to the community and gave me great satisfaction in doing so. I retired at the end of 2014 and I

was introduced to SWAN Transport by Trevor Hipwood, a fellow Lion, who had been driving for SWAN since he retired. I was rigorously checked by Sarah (also a Lion) and passed as being safe to be let loose in the community and have been driving for SWAN since April 2015. You may also see me driving the Midsomer Norton Community Transport mini-bus. I meet some interesting people, have some wonderful conversations which I treat in confidence. The ethos of Lions "We Serve" fits very well alongside SWAN. It gives me great satisfaction to help people and I hope to be able to continue helping for a long long time.

Would you like to join our Swan Team?

Our aim at present is to have 40+ drivers, so if you live in Bath and North East Somerset and have your own vehicle, please consider joining us. We receive so many positive comments from our passengers about the service, as Swan Drivers are a life-line for so many people, enabling them to still be able to get out and about to social activities and health appointments, even if they have had to give up driving themselves and are finding it difficult to use the bus.



As a Swan Driver, you can drive as little or often as you like to fit in perfectly with your lifestyle. Some drivers like an occasional journey and some prefer to drive every day. You choose every journey you would like to do and all mileage costs are fully covered at Inland Revenue rates. Please call Sarah or Ann in the office if you would like to find out more: 01761 439548, or alternatively email us at: swan.transport@btconnect.com

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