

Editor Tony Doyle

October 1993 to October 2018 - **25 amazing years of DACT in Daventry** – our Silver Jubilee!! What a roller-coaster journey this has been. We want to celebrate our Anniversary year (2018/19) in a fitting way sometime next year (details to follow in the New Year) to honour all those who have been a part of this ongoing success story. We would not be where we are today without an amazing combination of Volunteers, Trustees, and dedicated staff past and present who have heavily invested in this truly outstanding Charity. We are currently compiling some ideas for the 25th celebration, but if you have any suggestions or contributions to help this be memorable please contact us to let us know.

2018 has been another year of development which has included the building of the DACT Mobility Shop extension. Whilst this has taken longer than any of us wanted or expected, it is now completed and we can't wait to see this becoming a thriving community hub for Daventry District with a greatly increased range of mobility products and services, including a new Mobility Advice and Information Hub. The Official opening of the new extension will take place in the New Year, date to be advised.

As we approach Christmas, one of my favourite times of the year, let me encourage you to do something that our volunteers are doing every day of the year - they do not focus on what they '*can't do*', but rather on what they '*can do*' – the results of this are witnessed by the huge number of letters and cards we receive regularly at our Office from people who use our services and who say how blessed they are by what DACT contribute to community life. Be a blessing to someone today and let's continue to positively affect our world.

God bless you and yours this Christmas.

Rob Kinning – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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STOP PRESS :- DACT wins awards, see page 2

What a team. Thank you does not begin to describe how grateful we are for all the hard work put in by our fabulous volunteers. We are continually inspired by your generosity, commitment and effort that has helped so many people. The words "thank you" seem insufficient, but we want every volunteer to know how much you are appreciated, not just at Christmas, but every day. **Tony**

VOLUNTEER DROP IN DAY

10AM – 4PM
THURSDAY
13TH DEC



**To All
DACT VOLUNTEERS.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A CELEBRATION OF ALL
YOUR GOOD WORK
OVER THE PAST YEAR
FOR
FOOD, FUN & DRINK**



Travel Token Appeal is now closed (NT Tokens business has closed down) –Thank you so much for hunting out your old tokens – you raised the magnificent sum of £2,650. All donations really do make a difference.

Christmas Word Search



G L E T W C R S T O C K I N G
Y I P I D A E R B R E G N I G
A C O V T R P Y A E C E F F U
R E A S L E Q I X O C T A P Z
E M I R Y H A U D P S A J O N
S E A P O B E T H L E H E M I
N R U L O L D O N T F O S P U
A R L S L E I G H A A S U D O
M Y N O K L T T O Y S I S H R
W C E N E M E S I W F E T A N
O B M K A J L O Z Y E G V M A
N E R N O L U H M G O T E L M
S O G I E O Y D N A C X O N E
V E R B I J O T H U W B K A N
R E E D N I E R Q C A E E R T
L O O C H R I S T M A S T I



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| 1. Bells | 9. Holly | 17. Sleigh |
| 2. Bethlehem | 10. Jesus | 18. Snowman |
| 3. Candy | 11. Manger | 19. Star |
| 4. Carol | 12. Merry | 20. Stocking |
| 5. Christmas | 13. Ornament | 21. Toys |
| 6. Elves | 14. Peace | 22. Tree |
| 7. Gifts | 15. Reindeer | 23. Wisemen |
| 8. Gingerbread | 16. Santa | 24. Yuletide |

Lifetime Achievement Award

At the prestigious Northampton Community Foundation awards night DACT as an organisation was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognises the positive impact in the community an organisation has made. On the night we were able to take 3 volunteers with us to see if we had won; we wish we could have taken all of the volunteers to celebrate this wonderful accolade. This award is for everyone who volunteers for and supports DACT

Lady Juliet Townsend Award for Volunteering

The judges in this category were so impressed with the high standard of the nominees they awarded 3 prizes. Mary Watson who volunteers at the DACT Mobility Shop was awarded runner up for her work in the Community. Well done to Mary.



NEW Mobility Shop

The new DACT Mobility Shop is now open. We are busy expanding our range so there is more choice of equipment that will suit your requirements. Our new Advice & Information Hub will be able to answer your questions on your mobility needs. Pop in and see what we have to offer; you're welcome to just have a chat and a look around. This new initiative will hopefully help DACT services into the future by raising some much needed extra funds. The building was built through the efforts of the DACT team fund-raising to enable this all to happen. We are always looking for ways of securing DACT's future and this is the latest project to help us get there. Our brilliant volunteers have been working hard to make the new shop ready for you to come and look round.



Come and have a look round!!!!

The DACT Mobility Shop will be open on Christmas eve Monday 24/12/18 till lunchtime for last- minute shopping, then closed for the rest of the Christmas week.

DIAL A RIDE will operate on Friday 28th of December during the Christmas week. Book early if you want to travel. - The next Dial a Ride will be on the 4th January

The DACT Office will be CLOSING on Friday Dec 21st and will re-open on Wednesday Jan 2nd Book your car journeys very early – late bookings risk no drivers being available

Passenger Corner

Comments We want to thank our passengers for all of their wonderful comments about DACT's Volunteers. It is really good to get such positive feedback. If you can send us comments in writing, this helps us when we are completing grant applications; Grant funders like to hear positive stories.

Booking Trips Please try to book any journeys really early - you can't do it too soon. When you book late it causes a lot of re-arranging in the background to try to fit everyone in. If you do get an appointment at the last minute or you forget to book, still phone us as you know we will always try to help.

Legacy Giving Over the last few years we have become aware of a number of people who have made provision in their Will and left DACT a legacy. For obvious reasons we would like to thank those wonderfully caring people now; you are thinking of others in such a pragmatic way. This sort of giving will really help us to help others.

Car Passengers Could car passengers please try to have as near to the correct money for their trip as possible? Volunteer Drivers do not carry large amounts of change. Thanks in advance for your help.

DACT offers Minibus MiDAS Training – Courses can be Standard or Accessible. If you need to know more about MiDAS please ring the DACT office on 01327 701665



Northamptonshire ACRE and Daventry District Council are developing Good Neighbours schemes across Daventry District.



DACT is working in partnership with the 'Good Neighbour Scheme' with a view to setting up Village Travel Clubs where there is no local transport available. Could your village benefit?

- Help a Good Neighbour Scheme set up its own Village Travel Club.
- You will be able to become a member and benefit from group transport arranged by your local group to places selected by your own members and at times and dates suited to you.
- MiDAS Minibus driver-training can be provided for volunteer drivers.

Contact DACT for more information and help your village to get out and about.



A **free** Dial a Ride shopping bus into the Town Centre for the over 65 yrs, which operates every Tue & Fri - Ring 01327 701665 / 6

In partnership with



DACT Days Out – Meet new friends and have fun days out, it's easy and enjoyable Always put your name on the reserve list if we are fully booked, We often put on a second bus if we get enough names. New brochure now available for the period January – April 2019



DACT MOBILITY REPAIRS is here for all of your mobility servicing, repair and recycling needs. It's important to make sure your equipment is in good working order. Call us for any of your needs.

Visit the **NEW Mobility Shop** in New street Daventry



The **DACT Mobility Shop** team can give you help and advice on the right Mobility equipment for your needs. We stock a wide range of goods and can also get most items the next day if they are out of stock. We offer security of purchase, being local you can always come back to the shop if you have a problem. From the internet you have little redress on issues. We are a friendly team who have your best interests at heart; we will only sell the right thing for your requirements. Don't forget to try out the brand-new **Mobility Advice & Information Hub**.

By shopping at DACT Mobility you financially support DACT, helping us to help others.

Call DACT Mobility on 01327 312555 to talk about your needs or call in to our shop in Daventry Town Centre, near the bus station and try the equipment on display. All types of mobility aids are supplied.

DACT Mobility Shop New Street Daventry NN11 4BS. *Local Shopping with local Guarantees*

Donations of Scooters and Wheelchairs for recycling help DACT finances

YES I will help DACT (Keeping Charity Local)

Please use my gift to help DACT provide community transport in the Daventry district.

My full name

Address

Post Code

Thank you for your support from all at DACT

Tel

BANK STANDING ORDER FORM

From the account detailed please deduct

☐ £5 ☐ £10 ☐ £15 ☐ £20 ☐ £50

☐ Other £

Every ☐ Month ☐ Quarter ☐ Year ☐

Commencing day / month / year

Regularly until further notice

Pay to Daventry Area Community Transport account
No 10764175 Sort code 20 73 48 Barclays Bank High
Street Daventry Northants NN11 4BQ. Please ensure
any backdated payments are credited

I cannot give regularly at the moment but
please accept the enclosed gift £

Payable to Daventry Area Community Transport

I am a UK taxpayer and would like to treat all donations
I have made for the four years prior to this year, and all
donations I make in future as Gift Aid donations. I understand
that I must have paid an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital
Gains Tax at least equal to the tax you reclaim on my
donations.

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Signature

Date

DACT, The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 4XG . TEL 01327 701665 / 6

This replaces any previous standing order to DACT

Name of account holder

Name of bank and address

Post Code

Account number

Sort Code

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. Paying bank please use the
following reference

In order to maximise your donation we will not send out
a receipt unless you tick this box ☐

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Daventry Northants
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