



NEWS JULY 2018

Editor Rob Kinning



This year, DACT is celebrating 25 years of providing service to our communities and we aim to be continuing to do this for many years to come. We hope to be able to announce news shortly of what we are planning for DACT's 25th Anniversary Celebrations later this year.

In this edition of DACT News, take a look on page 3 at what we have been doing to help us to become more financially secure. The new extended Mobility Shop will give us greater capacity to carry a bigger range and choice of mobility products as well as to give room to provide a Mobility Advice & Information hub. Bev will be looking to extend her team of volunteers once the new building is completed and we will be arranging an official opening by a well-known County figure in September. We will need additional Volunteers for the Shop & Hire service as well as in the Mobility Repair, Maintenance & Recycling unit. Our Car Scheme & Minibus Scheme are both also in need of more volunteers and we would be delighted if you would come and have a chat if you are interested.

Rob Kinning – Chief Executive



Meet Matt Bowman, our newest (and youngest!) member of staff.

"I joined DACT in November 2017, and having come from a predominantly corporate environment, working for DACT has been a breath of fresh air. It is wonderful to be a part of such worthwhile work, making a serious difference in people's lives. Arranging essential transport for medical appointments, and giving people fantastic opportunities to meet new people and see new places on our DACT Days Out has genuinely been a privilege. I am in awe of our incredible volunteers and all they do for their communities and I aspire to be more like them. I am loving working in such a brilliant environment and with a great team."

Roe Binder retired at Easter this year after having worked for DACT since 2005. Roe has been a very dedicated member of our team with a vast amount of knowledge of the Car Scheme. Roe built strong relationships with many of our passengers and our wonderful volunteer drivers; we're going to miss you Roe and want to thank you for staying on to help with the training of Matt and also Sarah, our 2 new members of staff. We're not losing Roe completely though – she's enlisted as a Volunteer driver! Enjoy your retirement Roe!!







How many of you can remember these little beauties? - TRANSPORT TOKENS -

These could be used to pay for transport on public buses, trains, and for DACT trips, but they were withdrawn from service when the Bus passes for senior citizens were introduced some years ago.

Now a question for you - How many of you still have some of these in drawers or cupboards which you have forgotten about? The Company who issued these tokens are closing down but will allow us to redeem them if we submit them before the end of October 2018. This will be the last call to help DACT raise some extra funding from these tokens Can you please search your drawers and cupboards to see if you still have any of these in your house?

We are setting a challenge- can we raise £1,000 from tokens you had forgotten you still If you find some and need us to collect them, please advise and we will make arrangements with you. Otherwise, please just drop them into our Offices at The Abbey. Let's see how much we can raise.



A <u>free</u> Dial a Ride service in partnership with **Daventry Town Council which operates every** Tue & Fri - Ring 01327 701665 / 6



DACT's AGM - Wednesday August 15th 2018 - 10.00 am Here at the Abbey

Please come and join us - All volunteers & Supporters are welcome

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 September – December 2018



Minibus Bookings

There are 7 minibuses and they book up fast. Get in early with your bookings.



The DACT Office will be CLOSED on Monday August 27th and Tuesday August 28th Book your car journeys very early – late bookings risk no drivers being available

What's going on at the DACT Mobility Shop?











The diggers move in and prepare the foundations for the new extension to the Shop. The concrete goes in and around this time Bev, our Mobility Manager goes missing?

Hang on a minute – is that Bev hiding under the tarpaulin?

No, she turns up safe and well and Tony and Bev seem to be well pleased with the progress to date.

Is it a building extension or are DACT going to build a new swimming pool?

The walls start to go up and we start to see it taking shape

The scaffolding is erected and the roof trusses are positioned soon after the tiles are on and the building is enclosed. Windows and doors are on order so the exterior shell will soon be complete.

John and Bev getting excited about the extra space. Now waiting for internal fitting-out to start followed by the improvements to our existing building. Finish date expected end July/ or beginning of August.















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.

Do you need mobility equipment to make your life easier?













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.

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				
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