

Editor Tony Doyle

## DACT and its fantastic Volunteers given top award

The DACT team has been awarded the accolade of **The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**.

Late last year we were nominated for the award by Chris Long (Ex Chairman of Daventry District), Chris Millar (Leader of Daventry District Council) and Glenda Simmonds (Mayor of Daventry Town Council). After a visit and a lot of scrutiny by the Queen's representative we received notification that we were to be awarded this top award. The letter below is the initial communication received. A presentation is to follow.



### The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

*The MBE for volunteer groups*

#### DACT Volunteers & Staff.

Everyone involved in delivering DACT Services can consider themselves the recipient of this award. This is the MBE for a Voluntary Group and all who put in such a massive effort to make DACT services run so well have been given this honour. Take a bow everyone, you all deserve this massive thank you from the Queen. This is also testament to all of the previous Volunteers & Staff who have given their time to get DACT to the level that has led to this award.

**Tony Doyle Operations Manager**

### “This is truly “for the people by the people”

**The Letter Received was as follows:-** Dear Rob Kinning, Daventry Area Community Transport

I am writing to inform you that Daventry Area Community Transport was nominated for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2017. This award was created by The Queen in 2002 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is the **MBE for volunteer groups**.

The work your group does for the community was very much admired by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE and I am delighted to inform you that your group has been selected as a recipient for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) 2017.

The award of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2017 represents a tremendous achievement for your organisation. We hope that everyone involved, and particularly your volunteers, feel immensely proud of the recognition that this Award represents.



## DACT NEEDS YOUR HELP

We have been nominated for the Masonic Charitable Foundation Tercentenary Award Fund. To celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Grand Lodge the Masons are giving away **£3 million** to 300 hundred charities nationwide and DACT is one of them. We need your votes to maximise the amount of money we will receive. The vote is online but even if you don't go online you can still help, you could ask your friends and relatives to vote for us and spread the word to others. The link to vote is [mcf.org.uk/vote](http://mcf.org.uk/vote), please vote it could mean the difference of many thousands of pounds to DACT's funds.



Masonic  
Charitable Foundation

## Vote DACT

Each of the nominated charities will receive a grant, but the public vote will determine how much they receive, ranging from **£4,000 to £25,000**. Those who want to vote should visit the MCF website [mcf.org.uk/vote](http://mcf.org.uk/vote), select the **Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire** page and vote for the charity of their choice. The voting period is from Monday, 12 June until Monday, 31 July

**DACT AGM – Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> - 10am – Here at the Abbey**  
**All volunteers & Supporters are welcome**



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



### I'm the new bloke sitting in the corner

Well having been here for over 6 months, things are not quite as daunting as they first appeared, although I have been on a steep learning curve and will continue to be for quite a while yet! Having been trained as a youth worker and then managing a team of youth workers, I described my transition to DACT as feeling like I'd been trained and worked as a plumber and overnight became an electrician.

It has been a great start, working with a wonderful team seeking to address the transport and mobility needs of the people in Daventry District especially the elderly and disabled. I have met a lovely group of volunteers who are the people vital to making DACT work; without them DACT would not be able to carry out its purpose. Then there's our passengers a number of whom I am getting to know and I have heard many a story of how essential and appreciated the services are that DACT provides and for some they would not be able to get out and about without them. I am looking forward to learning more and finding my place within the team and playing my part in developing and promoting the services of DACT.

**Phil Houston Assistant Manager**



**CAR PASSENGERS** Book your journey as soon as you have the appointment; it can cause problems if you book late. We are very busy, please help us help you.

**DACT Days Out** – Meet new friends and have fun days out, it's easy and enjoyable Always put your name on the reserve list. We often put on a second bus if we get enough names.

**Minibus Bookings**  
There are 7 minibuses and they book up fast. Get in early.

**The DACT Office will be closed on August 28<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Book your car journeys' very early – late bookings risk no drivers being available** 2

**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.

We have been approached by a few individuals asking about legacy giving, so we are repeating an article we published in 2012, It's one of those subjects that many people find hard to talk about. However, making a Will is easy and can give piece of mind to you and your family and friends, knowing they know your wishes. All gifts and legacies left to registered charities are free from Inheritance and Capital Gains Tax.

You can help others by leaving a lasting legacy – and save tax – by leaving a gift to  
Daventry Area Community Transport

Donations are essential in order to maintain and improve the essential service provided by DACT services in the Daventry District. They are much needed and gratefully received. Why not celebrate your life by creating a better future for those who, one day, may need vital transport to receive the medical attention they need. Your support really can make a difference. It is a wonderful opportunity to do something positive in your lifetime to make an invaluable contribution to our work in the future.

DACT understand that we only receive this special donation because of someone's loss. We do understand and endeavour to deal with these sorts of donations and the families that make them, with sensitivity, care and compassion.

Your legacy will make a lasting difference – so Daventry Area Community Transport will be there to serve the community in the future.

There are several ways you can support DACT in your will.

**Residual Gift:** After making provision for your family, you leave a proportion of your estate to DACT.

**Monetary Gift:** By leaving a specific amount as a cash donation to our charity.

**A Gift in Kind:** Bequeath a gift of property, shares, jewellery or any other items you may wish to leave to our charity.

**What next?** There are various ways to make a Will or to make an amendment to your existing Will. If you simply want to add on a legacy, then drawing up what is known as a Codicil could do this. This is then simply kept with the original copy of your Will. You will need the following information:

1. Name of the Charity: Daventry Area Community Transport.
2. Address: The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry Northants NN11 4XG.
3. Charity Number 1170448

### **FUN QUIZ**

1. Whose full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts?
2. How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs had a name which didn't end in a 'y'?
3. The world's smallest breed of dog is named after the biggest state in Mexico. What is it?
4. First invented in Denmark in 1949, the pieces were originally called Automatic Binding Bricks. How do we know them today?
5. What song or tune was written in 1877 by the 16-year-old British composer Euphemia Allen, who said that the correct way to play the piece was to 'chop' the keys with the fingers turned sideways?

6. What is the highest prime number below 100?
7. Which is the only country that ends with the letter 'q'?
8. Which sport was originally known as water rugby?
9. What do the words trivia, paparazzi, assizes and graffiti all have in common?
10. Which beloved cartoon character — known as Topolino in Italy — celebrates his birthday on November 18?

1. Barbie 2. Bashful & Doc 3. The Chihuahua 4. Lego 5. Chopsticks 6. 97 7. Iraq 8. Water Polo 9. All Plural 10. Micky Mouse

**Gift Aid and other personal donations reached a fantastic total of £ 9329.81 for 2016/17.**  
**Thank you so much for helping to support DACT – Your giving really does help us help others.**

**National Transport Tokens** - We have to inform you that we can no longer accept National Transport Tokens for payment for journeys. There is a minimum amount National Tokens will accept for exchange for money to reimburse DACT costs. There were only 3 transactions last year, not enough to make a claim. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will still accept tokens as donations as we can hold onto them for much longer periods before we exchange them without it effecting DACT finances.





PIT STOP is there for all of your mobility servicing, repair and recycling needs.

It's important to make sure your equipment is in good working order.

**Donations of Scooters and Wheelchairs for recycling help DACT finances**

## 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\***

### 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

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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