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Dear Parish Councillors

Demand Responsive Transport for Ryedale

I am writing to you as part of our wider consultation process on the availability of accessible transport within Ryedale.

As the foremost provider of accessible transport within Ryedale we are keen to assist in any way we can in providing solutions to the community who are struggling with transport. As many of you are aware, many areas of Ryedale have sparse or no public transport provision. We are endeavouring to establish the need for demand responsive transport that people could use within the district.

Our aim is to radically enhance the provision of accessible transport within the entire District of Ryedale. We have called the proposed scheme The Ryedale Rover Service.

We want to operate at least 2 eight-seat passenger vehicles, which would provide a demand responsive pre-booked service five days a week with a single vehicle operating on Saturday's. The vehicles would be allocated a formal pre-determined route, but by the very nature of the district they would be far more flexible than a registered bus service and allow our booking team to tailor the journey to the needs of the community.

However, as this concept is being developed it is vital that we try and gauge the support such a scheme would generate, we would be very grateful for your help in achieving this. We are writing to all Parish councils within Ryedale to seek the views of their communities and to ask what your Parish needs? And how can we help to provide it.

We would be happy to answer questions on the proposals if you have any and may be able to attend Parish meetings rolling out over the next few months to present the concept to your residents if you felt this would be helpful.

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