



# Ryedale Community Transport CIO

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# Newsletter

## Wheels 2 Work

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## Car Share Scheme

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## 2019 Highlights

A year of reflection. We did a lot in 2019. Here are our favourite highlights and events with photographs. ▶ [Find them on page 7](#)



### Did you know?

Our staff consists of 10 paid part time drivers, 3 paid passenger assistants, 5 volunteer minibus drivers and 67 volunteer car drivers.



## Rural Public Bus Service

RCT CIO run a number of rural bus services that cover the Ryedale area.

These bus services are a vital part of rural living as otherwise the majority of our passengers would not leave the village they live in without relying

on friends, neighbours or family.

Our public bus service supports independent living and maintains mental well being by lowering loneliness issues.

These services run on a weekly basis all year round.

▶ For further information please telephone 01653 699059.



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Charity Name:  
Ryedale Community  
Transport CIO

Charity Registration  
Number:  
1109232

## About Us

Ryedale Community Transport CIO was established in 2005 to provide affordable, rural transport solutions for people who are disadvantaged because of physical or mental disability, geographically isolated or through deprivation and poverty.

### Our Mission Statement

Ryedale CT CIO takes over where public transport stops, providing transport options for residents who have no other means of travelling, by offering affordable journeys for groups and individuals.

### Our Vision

A community where vulnerable, disadvantaged and disabled individuals of all ages can be regularly transported safely to and from their homes.



**We promote  
our vision by  
providing:**

**A friendly,  
professional and  
dedicated team of  
staff & volunteers  
that are always  
ready to go the  
extra mile.**

### The Importance Of Our Role

The principle activity of Ryedale CT CIO is the provision of community transport offering transport solutions to rurally isolated communities and groups, individuals with special transport needs for example those with mobility issues and young people accessing training, education and jobs. Transporting our Members to medical appointments always takes the highest priority on our journey schedules.

**These objectives are achieved through the operation of the following services:**

- ▶ A Volunteer community car scheme
- ▶ A fleet of 13 vehicles 8 of which are wheelchair accessible
- ▶ A Group Travel minibus brokerage scheme
- ▶ A wheels to work moped loan scheme
- ▶ Home to school transport
- ▶ Local Registered Bus services
- ▶ Wheels 2 work moped hire scheme



## Meet the Team: Trustees



**Hugh Morgan**  
Chair



**John Patten**  
Finance



**Philip Richardson MBE**  
Trustee



**Barry Whitaker**  
Trustee

## Meet the Team: Staff Members



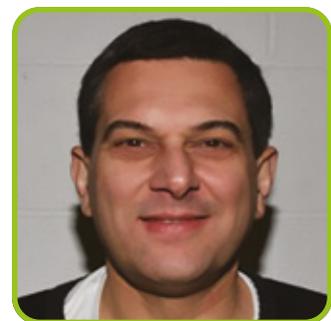
**Ken Gill**  
Chief Officer



**Lynne Hodgson**  
Finance Manager



**Mark Hall**  
W2W Coordinator



**Ian Wilkinson**  
Fleet Coordinator



**Linda Thorpe**  
Administrator



**Sharon Cawte**  
Development Officer



**Linda Taylor**  
Booking team



**Sharon Watson**  
Booking team



**Martin Knight**  
Volunteer admin support

# Message From the Chair: Hugh Morgan



There is little doubt that Ryedale Community Transport CIO has had a difficult year and Martin (Martin Knight, the previous Chairman) is to be congratulated on seeing the organisation through a most turbulent period.

After a year of meetings and a number of amendments to our constitution to change the status of the organisation, I am delighted to inform you that we have moved from a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). There are a number of reasons for this change, not least the much simpler reporting system to the Charity Commission.

You the members will see no change at the sharp end and it will be business as usual. A recent decision in the high court saw a challenge from the Bus and Coach Association (BCA) against The Secretary of State for Transport dismissed. Had the BCA won their case this would have had a dramatic impact on Community

Transport in UK. We are delighted to have been offered additional contracts with NYCC and you will find more detail about this in the Chief Officers report. There are plenty of challenges ahead not least of which is funding. Hopefully, when the Government resolve Brexit we will see them return to concentrating on home

grown issues and in particular community funding. Please be assured the trustees will be working diligently to improve our public profile and canvassing robustly for additional funding.

► To contact Hugh you can email him on [hugh@ryedalect.org](mailto:hugh@ryedalect.org) or telephone 01653 699 059.

# Message From the Chief Officer: Ken Gill

I am delighted to have this opportunity of welcoming all our passengers' drivers and staff to the first edition of our in-house newsletter. This publication will allow us to showcase just what the small number of staff and our band of volunteers have achieved in recent times and what we are doing in preparing for the challenges of the future.

As always seeking valuable funding is top of my working agenda, whether that be from national, or local government, or any charitable sources we encounter.

Our service provision is many faceted and covers such diverse elements as the Volunteer car scheme, the accessible vehicles in our fleet and moped hire under the wheels to work scheme. The

overarching theme is transport, because living in a rural area is a wonderful privilege and we enjoy the many benefits it brings however, when transport is needed, then we see the real difficulties that many residents face.

Having worked for this charity for over 10 years I have been delighted to see the amount of tremendous support we've received from many local benefactors and donors. These organisations have over the years provided significant grants and funding that not only keep the core charity going, but have allowed us to buy such things as accessible vehicles for our fleet.

The future always presents challenges, and this year is no different but I am confident with



a strong Board of Trustees an excellent team of staff, drivers and all our wonderful volunteers we are more than ready to meet those challenges.

Be assured, we will endeavour to continue to deliver our first class service to the residents of Ryedale and beyond.

► To contact Ken you can email him on [ken.gill@ryedalect.org](mailto:ken.gill@ryedalect.org) or telephone 01653 699 059.

# Wheels 2 Work Service

There are many outlying rural villages and hamlets in the Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby districts, which are not serviced by public transport.

Residents are effectively stranded and denied the opportunity to work unless they relocate.

We help those who face the dilemma either to move home or to remain jobless.

Their challenge is an impossible commute because they cannot afford their own vehicle and yet

there is no bus service available to them.

Similarly, some who live in urban areas, such as York or Scarborough, have difficulty commuting to work because public transport does not run at times when they start or end their work. This is especially true at night.

The scheme is available to those who:

- ▶ Live or work in the Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby or York district
- ▶ Hold a full or provisional driving licence
- ▶ Need to travel to employment, training, education or volunteer
- ▶ Live within a practical distance for a moped (e.g. about 12 miles) have no suitable alternative form of transport available
- ▶ Hold a valid Compulsory Basic Training certificate or pass a CBT test (arranged by W2W)
- ▶ Hold a current bank account (payment is by standing order).

▶ For further information about our Wheels 2 Work service please give Mark Hall a call on 01653 699059.

## Meet Our Charity Mascots



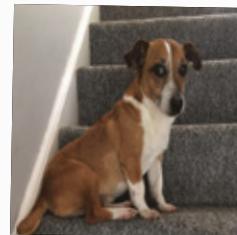
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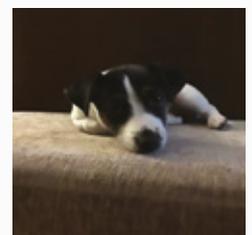
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Thor



Harvey



Blossom



Raise **FREE** donations when you shop online

### How easyfundraising works

Over 3,000 retailers on board including:



**1. Join**  
Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) and sign up for free



**2. Shop**  
Every time you shop online, head to easyfundraising first. There are **over 3,300 retailers** on board, so simply pick the one you want and start shopping



**3. Raise**  
After you've checked out, that retailer will make a free donation to your good cause – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



Start at [easyfundraising.org](https://easyfundraising.org) and search **Ryedale Community Transport**

# MiDAS Training Service

We offer MIDAS training for anyone who holds the D1 category on their driving license. MiDAS is the Minibus Driver Awareness scheme, overseen by the Community Transport Association U.K. (CTA) which promotes a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers.

It is a membership based scheme that is designed to enhance safe minibus driving standards and promote the safer operation of minibuses, currently there are over 5,000 member organisations throughout the UK.



## Benefits of the MiDAS Scheme for Organisations & Individuals:

- ▶ Enhanced passenger safety & confidence
  - ▶ Raised driver & staff awareness of their responsibilities toward their passengers & public
  - ▶ Potential reduced insurance premiums as many minibus insurance companies recognise the scheme
  - ▶ Reduced whole life vehicle costs through enhanced ECO driver training
  - ▶ Single nationally recognised certificates
- Improved public image for organisations, schools & universities
- ▶ For further information please ring Ken on 01653 699059.

## Car Share Scheme

Our car share scheme has been running for many years and has increased to almost 800 members.



The scheme is run by 2 part time admin staff, Sharon and Linda and the journeys are all carried out by volunteer drivers, some of these drivers have been with us for well over a decade.

Our volunteer drivers use their own cars to take you from your home directly to your destination and back. Most can carry wheelchairs in the boot.

**To be eligible for the car share scheme you need to have any of the following issues:**

- ▶ Mobility issues
- ▶ Limited access to public transport
- ▶ Or to be a little uncertain about getting out and about on your own

Journeys are charged at 45p per mile (min charge of £4.50) and this payment is given directly to the driver at the end of the journey.

- ▶ For further information please telephone 01653 699059.

## Group Travel

Charities and organisations are able to hire wheelchair accessible vehicles and mini buses from Ryedale CT on a self hire basis or with one of our drivers.

These vehicles are ideal to transport the members of these charities and organisations to events or on days out. We also offer this service to families who have relatives who have family members with disabilities. Due to the style of our vehicles we are able to transport users in their wheelchair.

We also offer shopper trips on a regular basis which visit York, Northallerton, Beverley and Guisborough.

- ▶ For further information please ring Ian on 01653 699059.

# Highlights From 2019



June

Malton COOP fundraising coffee morning



July

We attended the Malton Show



October

Making music and fundraising with Monkeystick in Old Malton



October

We attended the Gilling East event



October

We attended the how good is your Pickering event



November

We had fun at our Bingo event



November

We held a Christmas shopping event in Malton



November

Staff training to become Dementia Friendly accredited



December

Santa took the children from Wintringham to school

# Ryedale CT CIO at a Glance

## Some of our upcoming events for 2020

- ▶ Bingo events with coffee and cake in Spring/Summer/Autumn
- ▶ Curry afternoon at Spice 4U Pickering on Sunday 8th March
- ▶ 80s night Norton Bowling Club in April
- ▶ Pamper evening in May

## Come and see us in 2020:

- ▶ Malton Show
- ▶ Ryedale Show
- ▶ Thornton le Dale Show

### Wheels To Work (W2W)

commenced in 2002.

### Ryedale Community Transport

started life on the 26 April 2005.

### Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

on the 11 November 2019.

### 6 Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs)

### Car Share Scheme

has 796 members.

### Car Share Scheme

has 67 volunteer drivers.

### 7 Mini Buses

in our fleet.

### 5 Volunteer

mini bus drivers.

## Dear members of Ryedale CT CIO,

We hope you have enjoyed our very first newsletter which has some serious articles, but also some light hearted ones. We love the charity mascots, have you got one to add? We hope to publish this newsletter 3 times a year so we will have a Summer edition 2020 and a Christmas edition in December 2020. This is **YOUR** newsletter and we would really welcome items and stories from you. Item subjects can be wide and far ranging, we want to hear them all.

If you want to contribute please send us a letter, a photograph, or an email and we will do our best to publish it.

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