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Annandale Community Transport Services

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FUNDING FOR A 3RD ELECTRIC CAR

Many thanks to Tesco Annan for letting us park our new eVito in their car park, it is very convenient for drivers as it is near the charging points.

We have also received additional funding from the Scottish Government's Plugged in Communities Fund to replace a diesel car with another Mercedes eVito. We look forward to delivery by the end of the year.



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VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS NEEDED

Would you like to help the community provide transport services ?

Do you have some spare time to join our Board ?

The Directors meet at least once a month for a two-hour meeting; it is at these meetings that the actions and policies of ACTS are discussed and decided upon.

We need people with a range of skills. Full induction provided. Our team of Directors help keep Annandale and Eskdale on the move.



Out of pocket expenses are payable. Please contact us for more details. ACTS needs people with a wide variety of skills to help oversee our services.

Annandale Community Transport Services

72-74 High Street, Lockerbie, DG11 2AA

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am —3 pm

01576 203053

**Email us on admin@actsbus.org.uk –
this is checked throughout the day.**

Emergencies only 079 500 51239

Company number 200686 Charity number SC 029660

SAFE TRAVEL

This is a reminder for all those groups using minibuses who take kit and equipment with them. You must ensure that the vehicle exits are kept clear, including access to the rear doors.

MOFFAT

We have now placed a community car in Moffat to assist with hospital transport and other individual hires. Huge thanks to Benmar Services, Moffat, for allowing us to park the car there along with the minibus and looking after the keys—it's greatly appreciated.

Anyone requiring transport should contact the office in Lockerbie for details and bookings.

DRIVER TRAINING

Big changes are coming to the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS). The transformed MiDAS Driver Standard Training will be delivered in three parts:

1. Online learning and theory assessment

2. Individual Practical Session

3. Driving Assessment

This will come into effect in January 2024, we'll provide more information when we have it.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We are very grateful to have a team of around 30 volunteer drivers who help take groups and individuals wherever they need to travel. Drivers select the journeys they want to help with and this could be driving a minibus or community car locally or further afield. If you are interested in helping others and enjoy driving please contact us for more information on what's involved. Expenses will be covered.

WINTER WEATHER

If severe weather hits, the best advice is to stay off the road. If you must drive: -

- Plan your journey
- Check forecasts
- Take appropriate equipment
- Clear windows & mirrors
- Stick to main roads where possible
- Drive to the conditions

CLEAN AIR

Please check if the area you are driving to is part of a Low Emission Zone or similar so we can provide a suitable vehicle that meets the emission standards. Glasgow and Newcastle already have measures in place and Edinburgh will be operating one next year.

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