

Annandale Transport Initiative



Spring 2015



NEW MINIBUSES!



Our two new buses, based in Annan and Lockerbie, are now settled into the fleet and we have received positive feedback about the comfort for passengers and drivers. Drivers must have a familiarisation before driving the new buses. If you have any feedback about the vehicles please get in touch. Meanwhile we start looking for funding to replace a third bus

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Great service. It means so much to our group to be able to have this service.

2 - FOR - 1 DRIVER TRAINING

The offer to train 2 drivers for the price of one (one of whom must be a new driver) will end on 31/5/15. To take advantage of this offer, drivers must be put forward for training before 31/5/15. The cost of training is £60 per person so it is a real saving to get 2 drivers put through for the same cost. If you have someone in your group who is interested in driving contact the office for further details.

FUNDING AWARDED

We are delighted to have been awarded partial revenue funding for this financial year of £42,500. ATI has been well supported by Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee, however we would greatly benefit from funding over a three year period which would give us some stability and the ability to plan in the longer term.

VOLUNTEERS

In 2014 our volunteer drivers carried out over 750 activities including driving for groups, individuals, day trips and maintenance journeys. We couldn't provide all the transport we do without their fantastic commitment and enthusiasm. If you would like to get out and about and help the local community we would be delighted to hear from you. Drivers are provided with full training and can claim out of pocket expenses. They can select when and who they wish to drive for. If you would be interested please contact the office for further information and an application form.

Just a thank you to the staff and volunteer drivers. We have just had another successful afternoon out. Although I received thanks for organising it I know it would not have been possible without the ATI.

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DRIVING LICENCE CHANGES

From 8 June 2015, the paper counterpart to the photocard driving licence will not be valid and will no longer be issued by DVLA .

Paper driving licences issued before the photocard was introduced in 1998 will remain valid and should not be destroyed.

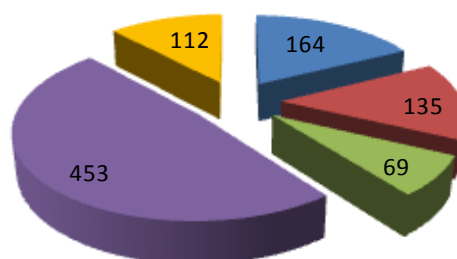
ATI registered drivers are required on an annual basis to provide evidence of their driving record (entitlements and/or penalty points). After 8th June, this will be available online for free by accessing the DVLA's Share Driving Licence service. Drivers will be supplied with a one off, time limited code which ATI can use to check the driver's record—only with the driver's permission.

DIRECTORS STAND DOWN

Towards the end of last year, Don Hunter-Grant and Bert McDonald stood down as Directors. Bert had been with ATI since 1999 and was renowned as the vehicle expert; dealing with specifications of new vehicles and advising on vehicle repairs and maintenance. Don Hunter-Grant became involved with ATI in 2001 as a registered driver and was nominated by his group to join the Board as a Director, becoming Chairman of the Board in 2008. Don and Bert both played a large part in the development of ATI into the successful organisation it is today and their contribution is greatly appreciated.

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FUEL CARDS

Each vehicle (except the Kangoo) now has 2 fuel cards. Guidelines for refuelling:
Lockerbie - use the AllStar Monitor card
Moffat - use the Benmar garage account
Everywhere else - for preference use the Fast Fuel card (PIN number required), if that is not accepted use the AllStar Monitor card

DRIVER TRAINING

We are delighted to now have 4 Driver Assessor Trainers; Andy Campbell, David Heal, Phill Henderson and Bob Morton. Andy, David and Phill can also offer emergency bus evacuation training and we will be organising sessions over the coming year.

PASSENGER ASSISTANT TRAINING

This is a nationally recognised standard of training for people whose role it is to provide care and assistance to passengers travelling by road. Before they are trained, passenger assistants must have their training needs assessed, taking into account any training they have already had and the needs of the passengers they work with. If your group uses employees or volunteers in these roles they may benefit from this training. Training is tailored to the needs of the organisation and the trainees. Please contact the office for further details including costs.