

Tail Lift The Newsletter for yelabus Volunteer Drivers November 2024



October's key facts

1200 miles driven for our clients 104 Yateley Community passengers £2000 income this month from our main groups 4 new registrations for shopper runs 2 new drivers booked for MiDAS in November

Bus News

The VW aircon not functioning and tail lift oil reserve to be checked. On the list for the next service

Merc damaged rear panel to be replaced this month. All safety checks passed

Still a few instances of the Merc not being locked up correctly – please check carefully

Hot Videos Coming Your Way

There has been calls from our newer drivers for some How to Do It videos. Coming to a mobile phone near you are the following blockbusters:

- Strapping Wheelchairs
- Locking and Unlocking the Merc
- Tail Lift Operations
- Merc the rear swing story

Thank you to Lorraine and Phil!

Key News from the last Trustee Meeting

- Richard will be updating the website to include a section on our drivers, including pictures
- HCC has agreed to fund £800 of new driver training to include First Aid and MIDAS
- yelabus attended a very wet Feel Good Festival lots of people used the bus as a rain shelter!
- Second quarter financial results positive against last year due to increased hirings and reduced vehicle costs. Paul will be presenting the 2023/24 Annual Accounts at the AGM on 17th December
- Mo Ayres' son, Rob has had yelabus tattoo to raise money for yelabus. Please sponsor him via Mo
- Lorraine reported that three potential new drivers have contacted yelabus.

Service Report

This month we had only 2 cancellations. These were from our clients. Thank you for the excellent cover from our drivers. We still need regular drivers for Young Carers on a Wednesday and alternate Thursday evenings. Young Carers are our biggest client. Let's look after them!

<u>The Month Ahead</u>

Lorraine has gots lots of trips for us to fill in November and December. Please keep an eye on WhatsApp and the Ops Manager

emails. There are also excursions being arranged.

yelabus AGM 12 midday 17th December Monteagle <u>Community Centre</u>

Welcome to Alistair Wren and Phil Ellis who have joined our team of volunteer drivers. A special thank you to Colin Hennell who leaves yelabus after 20 years of amazing service.

