

Dear All

I am writing to the committee and organisers and attach a note which I have sent to the drivers this morning. I thought I would give you a quick update on how things are as I see them at present.

At the beginning of the virus outbreak we joined forces with the Village Fund and Parish Council to act as the Churchill and Langford Mutual Aid Group. We obtained funding from several places and since then have provided daily delivery of medication, shopping, microwave lunches and a roast lunch on a Thursday. We have also helped a local vulnerable man who we all know to get into Weston each morning owing to the lack of transport.

We have interacted with North Somerset Together who are linking all such things and gave them some figures last week which are worth sharing. We have provided 420 hot meals to date and 420 microwave meals, which were obtained from the man in Yatton. We have done 8 emergency shopping parcels. 750 pharmacy deliveries and around 110 shopping expeditions. North Somerset Together are looking to extend this beyond the initial need.

On the minibus front we have obviously kept the vehicles available and insured them for the next year. We remain ready to start again but social distancing and our customers desire will influence this debate. I think unlikely that whilst we have social distancing we will have the ability to provide sufficient capacity to make any operation sensible. Understandably, I don't think that our elderly will wish to take the risk in the short term. I wonder if the organisers can let me have their individual views on this and perhaps ask their usual passengers for their thoughts.

One additional positive out of the exercise is that we have a greater understanding of the needs out there and that might reflect in more customers going forward and also more drivers when we need them.

So regarding future operations I can only assume that we will continue to review our position as things continue to change and be ready to start at a months' notice whenever that may be.

We have an added complication short term in that Bruce will be unable to help with testing from next month so we need to work out how to plug the great hole that he will leave.

I hope this is helpful and as the government allow us to mix more we can fix a meeting to revisit the future and see whether we need to do anything differently.

I hope all is well with you all and that you are safe and thank you for reading

Best wishes

Trevor