



2019 Christmas Newsletter



A letter from the Chief Officer of sedcat

As the Xmas season draws in and festivities begin, we start to look forward to the activities on offer especially those that can bring us into contact with others. The BAT bus has been busy this year and we are pleased to see more people getting out on the popular Wednesday and Saturday trips and the monthly 'Fish and Chips' Fridays. The current outings list is enclosed and is also available on our website; www.sedcat.org.uk where you can find more details of the range of services on offer.

Our thanks must go to all who make the work possible; the volunteers who drive, help in the office and those that sit on our Board making sure that the Organisation is fulfilling its mission to provide a range of accessible transport options to combat loneliness and social isolation. Not forgetting our funders and supporters who help us cover our costs —BCP council, Castlepoint Shopping Centre, the Sovereign Centre and People's Health Trust (Buddies on the Bus). Donations from The Valentine Charitable Trust have helped the 'Hospital Hop' this year and the Lions Club of Southbourne and Boscombe enabled us to provide transport for the Creative Kids club. Thank you so much, quite simply the services which help so many to get out would not exist without your help. Last but not least thanks to the team of staff and of course all of our members who make the work worthwhile.

We wish you all a very Happy Xmas and New Year.

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General Info: 01202 534027

Volunteer Cars—Drivers needed

The Community car service is very much in demand from members trying to get to essential appointments but there are times when we just do not have enough volunteers to drive and have to disappoint. It is more difficult during the holiday season/school holidays as a lot of our drivers have family commitments. We are continually appealing for volunteers to come forward to meet the demand as we do not like turning people down and it is important that the scheme is able to help as many people who need it. Try to book as early as you can and if you have any relatives, neighbours, carers or friends who can spare a little time to drive then we can cover their mileage expenses. **Ask them to contact us on 01202 534027 for a chat.**





sedcat XMAS 2019 Calendar



<p>Monday 23rd December</p> <p>BAT Bus - for both Zone A & Zone B - last chance to shop!</p>	<p>Last shopping trip on BAT bus until Monday 30th December—available to both Zones A & B</p> <p>Hospital Hop running</p> <p>Book BAT bus for Monday 30th Dec –Zone A</p> <p>Community car and Hospital Hop booking lines closed from 2.00pm, re-opening on Monday 30th December</p>
<p>Tuesday 24th December</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p>Booking Lines CLOSED Castlepoint Shopmobility OPEN 10—14.00hrs</p> <p>NO BAT BUS or HOSPITAL HOP service</p>
<p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December</p>	<p>Christmas and Boxing Day - All services closed</p> <p>Castlepoint Shopmobility CLOSED.</p>
<p>Friday 27th December</p>	<p>NO BAT BUS</p> <p>NO HOSPITAL HOP</p> <p>Castlepoint Shopmobility OPEN</p> <p>All booking lines closed</p>
<p>Saturday 28th December</p>	<p>Castlepoint Shopmobility OPEN</p>
<p>Monday 30th December</p> <p>Tuesday 31st December</p>	<p>Booking Lines OPEN—BAT bus bookings taken</p> <p>Castlepoint Shopmobility OPEN</p> <p>Hospital Hop running</p>
<p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>Wednesday 1st January 2020</p>	<p>Bank Holiday —All services including Castlepoint Shopmobility CLOSED</p>

Remember to book your January Community Car and Hospital Hop Transport early !



Look out for this new Dorset wide community transport advice line **01202 586055** launching December 2nd. Facilitated by a MORE bus/Pramacare partnership in collaboration with Dorset Community Action, Dorset Community Transport, SEDCAT, Bus2Go, NorDCAT, DING, Christchurch Community Partnership, Hope in the Community, Faithworks Wessex, Help & Care, and Bournemouth and Poole CAN. The aim is to create a joined up way of signposting people to transport schemes available across Dorset. The Linking Dorset initiative will make the county's local transport services more accessible to get people across the county out and about. Details will be on Dorset & BCP websites.





BH Coastal Lottery

sedcat is one of the charities that you can support in the BH Coastal Lottery which launched earlier this year. Good causes benefit from ticket sales and we are really grateful to our supporters who have bought tickets through our page. You can buy tickets by phone 01202 798877 (don't forget to renew every 4 weeks) or online www.BHCoastalLottery.co.uk Good Luck!

BH Coastal Lottery

sedcat
your community transport

Give a little back this Christmas

*Lottery gift cards also available

- ★ Your support makes a real difference to our local community
- ★ 60p from EVERY £1 goes to local good causes
- ★ You also get the chance to win £25,000
- ★ Lottery gift cards make great presents 01202 798877

Click here to support today

*Terms & conditions apply – see website Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



Easyfundraising

If you shop online did you know that you can raise funds for a charity that you support by going through



www.easyfundraising.org.uk ? You can find most of the online retailers like M&S, Sainsbury, Tesco, Waitrose, Argos, Boots, John Lewis, EBay, Amazon, Booking.com and many more. It doesn't cost you any extra and you can still access all the special deals.

Just register your 'cause' - you'll find SEDCAT there - and turn your everyday online shopping into free donations !

BAT BUS—serving the community

As well as our own services getting people out and about, there have been many events during 2019 that SEDCAT have contributed to by providing accessible minibus transport. As well as days out for groups:- Creative Kids, Edward May Court, Abbeyfield Wessex, Penny's Friendship club, Christchurch variety club and Haviland Springers club, the BAT bus has been valuable to longer term projects which help keep older people connected and able to socialise:

Hope in the Community—Holiday at Home

Brendoncare—Winton Friendship Club

Community transport is always run for a social purpose and community benefit, never for a profit We're proud to offer these transformative benefits to our passengers and our community.



Hospital Hop News

Demand for the Hospital Hop which runs back and forth to Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals throughout Mondays to Fridays has greatly increased due to changes in eligibility criteria for NHS transport . More people are being referred to our service for help getting to hospital appointments so early booking is advised! We think you'll agree that the service offers fantastic value for the £10 fare, giving wheelchair assistance and extra help to those that need it. You can book on 01202 534027 or 309433. Contact Sue on 534027 if you're a people person and would like to join our small team of part time drivers. Supported by the Valentine Charitable Trust this year.





Changes at Castlepoint Shopping Park

Re-construction of the car park continues into the second phase of a 5 year building programme. If you've visited Shopmobility recently (also the main SEDCAT working office), you may have noticed signs for a Red car park and a Blue car park. You can't drive between the red and the blue areas so you need to access Shopmobility from the ground floor of the **Blue** Car Park which is nearest to B&Q. We are still in Aisle 11 next to the new car wash. Take care coming in and out as there is a temporary exit through the Shopmobility car park and this will be especially busy towards Xmas. All shops are open as normal throughout and can be accessed by foot or scooter from either car park. Castlepoint Shopmobility will eventually be moving to a new location, still on the ground floor but within the area of the **Red** car park. The move will happen towards the end of 2020 and more details will be released to members and on the website nearer the time. Services are likely to be interrupted during the move so we will keep you updated.



Legacies help others in the future

One of the ways of securing the future of these services is through a legacy. This is a gift left to a charity in a Will. This type of donation means that a donor is not putting themselves in any precarious financial position *and* can still access savings to pay for whatever needs they may have, BUT, the donor is still able to give something back to the charity that helps them.

This could be life changing for others...

How can a legacy be left?

A donation can be either general or specific, for example towards a new bus or a mobility scooter or to help towards running costs

If someone already has a will and then wishes to include a gift to **sedcat** in it, there may not be any need to rewrite it. A qualified professional such as a solicitor can add an amendment (called a codicil) to a Will. As a general rule, if the change is quite small or simple, a codicil can be used, and if the change is more significant or complex a new Will should be made.

We do not need to be told, as it is something very private and personal, but it might be useful if this is at all possible.



Charitable donations are exempt from tax which means that 100% of a donation will go to SEDCAT

sedcat—Not for Profit

A chance to get out and meet others...

BAT BUS Shopping—Monday to Friday £5.00

Dropping off at Castlepoint & Sovereign centre.

Wednesday & Saturday trips—pub lunches, garden centres, farm shops etc. £7.00

'Extra trips' Fish & Chip Fridays—have lunch and then shop. £6.00

Monthly Wimborne shopping. £6.00

Monthly Ferndown to Castlepoint shopping £6.00

Fare paid to driver

Wheelchair accessible minibuses

Enquiries 01202 534027, Bookings 01202 399771

Help with getting to essential appointments.....

Community Car— GP's, dentist, clubs, hairdressers. A voluntary car service £0.60 per mile

Hospital Hop—Daily shuttle service to RBH & Christchurch Hospitals; wheelchair accessible £10.00 return fare—paid to driver.

Enquiries and bookings 01202 309433

Mobility Scooter & Wheelchair hire.....

Shopmobility at Castlepoint Shopping Park, Members £3.00, Non-Members £6.00

Scooters and wheelchairs can be delivered to a hotel or property locally for longer hire.

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