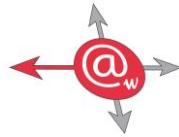


# Accessible Transport West Somerset ATWEST



## ATWEST KEEPS GOING DESPITE COVID-19!

Throughout the current lockdowns and trials of Covid-19, Atwest has continued to run the dial-a-ride Slinky bus service supported by SCC, for which passengers can register and pre-book by ringing 01643 707090. We pick passengers up from home and take them to most destinations in West Somerset. And back home!

## WE ARE SPENDING THOUSANDS ON KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

So far, with funding support from Somerset Community Foundation, A. Rylands small donations and the National Lottery, we are able to sanitise every bus on every journey to keep all of our passengers safe through Covid-19.

The wellbeing of our passengers is our primary aim and our drivers are working very hard to enable everyone to get out and about safely.

*We would be very grateful for any contributions towards this vital process*

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR PASSENGERS

We know that many of our registered passengers are socially and rurally isolated, unwell or disabled, and now we are going to keep in touch with them by newsletter! We'll tell them all about the services which they can use, stories of what we've been doing, and we hope that our regular passengers will tell us their news too. Loneliness is bad for everyone's health and wellbeing. These newsletters are designed to cheer us all up. The Lottery is supporting us with this too.

*BY POPULAR REQUEST WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO RESTART THE SHOPPING BUSES AND WE WILL BE CONTACTING PASSENGERS AS SOON AS WE CAN TO LET THEM KNOW THEIR SERVICE IS RUNNING AGAIN!*

## GOOD NEWS! A NEW BUS IS ON ITS WAY!

Thanks to the Hinkley Point Mitigation Fund (£36,000), the SCC Councillors' Fund, the Co-op, Garfield Weston and our own reserves we have been able to raise £56,500 to order a new long wheel-base Iveco bus to take our passengers where they need to go. We are delighted with this, and thank all the local people, councillors and supporters who helped us to raise this huge amount of money.

## OTHER SERVICES WHICH ATWEST IS STILL RUNNING

Local buses: 198 to Brushford and 10 to Porlock Weir; School buses: during the first lockdown for children of key workers and since September for all children.

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