



## Press Release

### Unity Dial a Ride Service Romsey



**Unity Transport announce Romsey and Southern Test Valley Dial a Ride and group hire services are now fully back up and running after reduced services during Covid.**

After over a year of reduced services due to the Covid pandemic, Unity, the provider of Dial a ride and Group Hire services in Test Valley are now running services to pre-pandemic timetables and schedules. Due to increasing demand from existing and new passengers our fleet of modern, fully accessible minibuses, are now all back in service. We have a dedicated team of fully trained volunteer drivers who provide an essential service to local residents to ensure they stay independent and also limit social isolation.

Unity's Dial a Ride service provide transport for qualifying residents on a weekly service covering Romsey, Wellow, Lockerley, Nursling, North Baddesley and Valley park areas.

Group Hire services are also available from Unity enabling local not for profit groups to hire minibuses with or without volunteer drivers at substantially reduced hire costs when compared to commercial hire.

Stuart McAuliffe, Transport Manager for Unity said "It is absolutely fantastic to see this massively important local service finally start to return to normal after such a long period of having reduced capacity and reduced services. It's thanks to the hard work and continued dedication of our volunteer drivers that we are able to offer a service that is so highly valued by our passengers and enables them to live independent lives."

Jonathan Howells, Unity Volunteer Driver said "I look forward to my driving day each week as I really enjoy making a practical difference as well as providing the opportunity to meet a variety of interesting people. No one week is the same, yet the work is fun.

The role has given me a different perspective on life and I feel fulfilled and enriched. I know I am helping to support an essential service in reducing isolation and loneliness, joy and laughter can be found. We can also keep a gentle eye on people's wellbeing and health, providing a wider, greater community benefit overall."

If you would like further information on Unity's Dial a Ride or Group Hire services then please call 01264 356808 or email [transport@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:transport@unityonline.org.uk) or visit our website [www.unityonline.org.uk](http://www.unityonline.org.uk)

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