

We're now a Co-Op local community cause!

You can register for a Co-Op store card online or in your local store and choose The Friendly Transport Service as your chosen local cause. Each time you swipe it when you shop, you'll receive 1p for every £1 you spend on selected products and they'll also donate the same to Friendly Bus! You can then redeem your savings against your shopping. Ask in store, visit www.coop.co.uk/membership or call **0800 023 4708** if you don't have a computer or internet access.



the friendly bus



December 2021 – January 2022

New - Winter Support Service Helpline 03456 789 012

Available to anyone in Shropshire who needs more support over the winter months. Phones open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

- Transport returning home from hospital
- Settling people in at home following discharge from hospital
- Fitting of low-level equipment such as key safes and pendant alarms
- Collecting and delivering medications
- Shopping and delivery
- Wellbeing home visits, companionship for isolated or lonely people.

Visit <https://newsroom/shropshire.gov.uk/2021/11/winter-support-service> for more information. They will never ask for bank details.

Doorstep Carols - 6pm on Wed 15 December!

Tune into BBC Radio Shropshire on 90MHz, 95MHz, 96MHz, 104.1 MHz or digital radio (DAB). Download a Carol Sheet at www.doorstepcarols.co.uk.



Important information to keep you safe on journeys

- **Don't attend if you've been told to self-isolate by Track and Trace.**
- **Don't get on the bus if you feel unwell**, have a temperature or a continuous cough. Call us on 01952 881145 to cancel your seat.
- **Hand sanitiser** is provided. You must use it **before** you get on the bus. You'll need to do this every time you get on.
- **Face coverings** must be worn throughout the journey. The driver may have spare face masks for you to buy for 40p if you don't have one - please ask us when you call to book your journey.
- **Sit in the same seat** on your return journey.



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01952 881145



Dear Members,

Thank goodness this year has been different to the last one! We've been delighted to offer more trips than ever to help you all get out and about as much as possible. We know how hard isolation was - this was just what everybody needed. We've been thrilled to see your photos and hear your comments, thank you for sharing them with us!

Since Easter we've also been able to offer many trips for free or subsidise our seaside outings as part of our Socially Active project. This has been funded by the Postcode Lottery to make trips accessible to everyone, but is due to expire soon.

However, we've successfully applied to be a **Co-Op Local Community Cause** to help continue this. More information how to help raise money when you spend at Co-Op is included in this newsletter.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and here's to another year getting back to normal!

The Friendly Bus Team

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"We all had a lovely time at the Cavalier Centre, thank you!"



Regular bus journeys

Your seat must be booked in advance on a first come first served basis. **Call us on 01952 881145** to book your place.

Let us know if there's been a change to your mobility if you'll need more help, use walking aids or a wheelchair.

Tuesdays 9:00 to 12:30: Shopping trip to Madeley, £4

Pickup from Broseley and Much Wenlock, stopping at Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and Poundstretcher. Last trip on Tuesday 21 December 2021. First trip of 2022 is on Tuesday 11 January.

Tuesdays 9:00 to 1:00: Much Wenlock High Street

£2 pickup from Much Wenlock, £3 pickup from Broseley. Last trip on Tuesday 21 December 2021, first trip of 2022 is on Tuesday 4 January.

Fridays 9:00 to 1:00: Shopping trip to Telford, £5

Pickup from Broseley and Much Wenlock, drop offs at Lawley, Telford Shopping Centre, the Forge Retail Parks (Sainsburys and Argos), and Wrekin Retail Park (Tesco). Last trip on Friday 17 December 2021. First trip of 2022 is on Friday 7 January.

Regular clubs. Call us if you need help getting there!

Cinema club: Tuesday 21 December, film starts at 2:30pm

Harriet. Tale of Harriet's escape from slavery, and her transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Transport £2, cinema is free.

Tuesday 18 January, film starts at 2:30pm Transport £2 cinema free. Still Alice a film about a lady with early onset Alzheimers.

Bingo at Broseley Social Club, every Thursday Transport £2 Club starts at 7pm, 50p admission.

Jackfield Monday Club, returning on Monday 10 January. Club starts at 2pm £2.

Let's Get Together, Friday 3 December, first meeting in 2022 on **Friday 7 January.** Club starts at 2pm £2.

Mondays 10:00 to 10:45 Swimming at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre - FREE (funded by Socially Active Grant)

Pick up from Library car park at 9:30am. **Please tell us if you're making your own way there!** Last swim on Monday 20 December, first swim of 2022 on Monday 10 January.

DECEMBER Trip (book from 11am on 1st December)

Shrewsbury - pick up 9am on Wednesday 8 December, £5



Visit the Indoor Market in the High Street if it's raining, or request a drop off at The Range at Harlescott or Meole Brace retail park where you can find Argos, Next, Sainsburys, M&S Food Hall and TK Maxx.

Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre - Saturday 4 December

Entertainment, stalls and refreshments from 10am to 5pm including the Salvation Army playing in the Square between 10:15 - 12:15. The full programme is available here www.wenlockchristmasfayre.org.uk

Please call us by 1pm on Wednesday 1 December if like help getting to the Fayre.



We've entered you in to a free prize drawer!

You could win this lovely hamper. You don't need to do anything, we've entered every member. We'll draw it and contact the lucky winner to arrange delivery before Christmas. **Good luck!**

We're closed during the Christmas Holidays

The last date to book a journey for a medical appointment over the festive period is **1pm on Tuesday 21 December**, to give us enough time to find a volunteer driver. You can call us on **01952 881145** until 1pm on 23 December 2021 if you need to speak to us.

After this date, our phone line won't be monitored until we return on Tuesday 4 January 2022. We'll send our next (February) Newsletter at the end of January 2022.

Call us on 01952 881145 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday, or leave a message any other time. Email info@friendlybus.co.uk