



CASE STUDY: Stocksmoor Community Association

DENBY DALE CENTRE/THIRD SECTOR LEADERS



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS IN MAST PCN AREA

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Unite Connect Support is the strapline for the Community Anchor roles, and the first group in the Mast PCN to get involved was Stocksmoor Village Association, who approached their lead anchor asking for help to respond to their local community's transport problems.

WHO WAS INVOLVED?

(Partners/Volunteers/Participants)

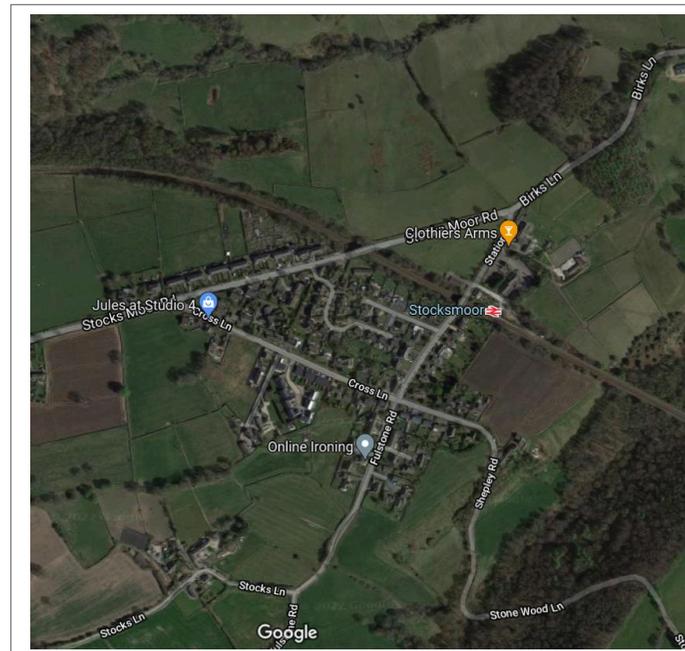
- Maxine Morris, Stocksmoor Village Assoc
- Paul Jones, Lead Anchor

Then later involved was...

- Kevin Carr, representative of South Pennine CT
- Barry Jones, Thurstonland Village Association

Further support from...

- Mark Eastwood MP
- Mayor Tracey Brabin



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

1. Conducted a needs assessment of transport, to learn how people presently travel and how they would prefer to travel. This study had 48 respondents from the community, and demonstrated a desire for an improved transport provision.

2. Collaboration between two local Community Transport providers, Valleys CT and South Pennine CT, mean that a combined offer of registered bus route to the places most requested could be applied for, plus a volunteer car service and shopper bus service could benefit those who would prefer such services.

3. The Community Association has fed back to their members that action was taken on the transport requests made in 2020/2021, and a plan was in place to improve the provision.

4. This quest has involved the local MP, Mark Eastwood.

The project will be ready to launch later in the year, when we will gather feedback from the users who are affected by this project delivery.

QUOTE FROM ORGANISATION

“When I first approached Paul at the DDC, I was at an impasse. Villagers were reporting that they had no public transport access to healthcare services and were becoming increasingly socially isolated. I knew I had to evidence the case for a new bus service, but had no idea how to progress from there.

Paul was immediately responsive and helpful.

Drawing on his experience from similar projects, he was able to both advise on the structure of a transport survey, and to help me form a relationship with a potential provider from community transport.

Both of these interventions were extremely valuable.

Now that the need for the service has been identified, he is once again assisting in locating, and bidding for funding.”

Maxine Morris

Stocksmoor Village Assoc

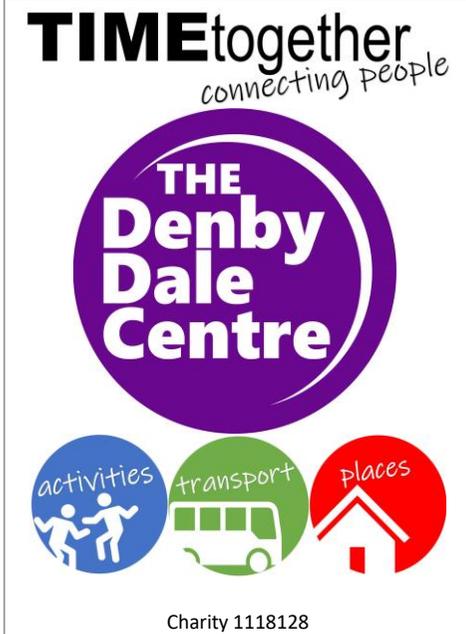


OTHER COMMENTS/FEEDBACK/LEARNING

Maxine approached Paul, following a period of support during the pandemic, as the Stocksmoor Village Association was a registered Mutual Aid Group. They felt relieved as they did not know where to turn for support to address the requests of their members. Luckily, Paul had just started his role as Community Anchor and also has transport background, so was able to jump straight into action to move their situation forward.

The transport needs assessment was later used for neighbouring village of Thurstonland, who were in a similar situation as Stocksmoor, having a poor transport service which does not go where people need.

At the next meeting, the agenda includes supporting a funding application and creating the Village Transport Leaflet for each village.



NEXT STEPS FOR ORGANISATION

1. Maxine to liaise with providers to create Village Transport Directory
2. Maxine to constantly communicate with WYCA regarding village needs
3. Maxine to keep councillors up to date with needs and progress

NEXT STEPS FOR PARTNERS

1. Paul to support Village Transport Directory content
2. Kevin to pursue funding for scheduled bus route
3. Widen the partnership to include Thurstonland

Creating partnerships to increase opportunities.

Third Sector Leaders Kirklees took an asset-based approach to community-centred health and wellbeing. We supported established organisations to create new offers and activities for marginalised people. These included online social support, growing projects, learning and cultural exchange.

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