

## Exe Valley Market and Community Bus

### Knowstone Report

The Community minibus continues to run to South Molton and Barnstaple markets on alternate Thursdays and, although the number of passengers fluctuates, there is still sufficient interest in the service to make it viable. However, it is important that we continue to spread the word about the minibus and to encourage as many people within the community to use it; it is very much a case of 'use it or lose it'.

The service would not run at all if it were not for the dedication of the volunteer drivers. Unfortunately, John and Olwen Smith moved away from the area so we lost one of our regular drivers but Ian Brooks is still volunteering, even though he and Sue are now spending most of their time at their Winsford property. Tim Browse, Phil Sealy, Cat Omell and Phil Dey are also regular drivers, although Phil Sealy and his wife might be moving away from the village in the near future. Reg Howe is still happy to 'fill in' when other drivers are unavailable and we also have Anthony Vigus who is able to drive when he is not too busy with work commitments.

There will not be many day trips this year. These take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and have proved popular in the past but, for various reasons, we have only had two trips planned for this year from the Knowstone end. One of these, to Honiton and Otter Nurseries, took place in March and the next one, to Lynton and Lynmouth, will take place on Wednesday 21st June; please contact Tim Browse or Phil Sealy if you wish to book a place for that trip.

It is hoped that residents of the parish will continue to support this service and if there are any drivers out there who would like to volunteer to be one of the regular team, we would be interested to hear from them.

Phil Sealy