

2021

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



Boy what a year it has been! Who ever would have thought we would be hit with a pandemic like this. It has been a challenging year for everyone, now more than ever we need to be aware of our vulnerable community members being isolated and lonely. We have managed to offer our Shopping and Lunch outing trips again following the pandemic which has brought our service users together again and socially interacting.

There have been lots of changes at Sedcat this year, we moved premises, we got a new Chief Officer, and got some new staff members and volunteers. We also have a few exciting pilot projects on the go, one of them is looking at having a base in Poole to offer our Hospital Hop service that side. We are also having a new Database system developed which will streamline our operations so we have scope for expansion. We also hope to schedule some exciting outings during the course of next year and form collaborations with other Charities who could use our services in 2022.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all our service users who we will continue to serve in 2022. Lastly we would also like to give thanks to all those organizations we received funding from during the pandemic ensuring we could continue with our operations to meet the needs of our service users.

*Best wishes for the New Year!
The Sedcat Family*

Sedcat would like to give a very big Thank You to all our staff members, trustees and volunteers who work so tirelessly to make a difference in peoples lives.

New Employees

Meet **Natascha Mc Allister**, Sedcat's newly appointed Chief Officer. Natascha has recently relocated from South Africa and has many years of experience working with disadvantaged communities in the Charity sector and brings with her a wealth of knowledge around disability engagement and business management, and has a kind heart for the vulnerable.



Cherie Savage Sedcat's newly appointed Service Assistant is the sweet kind voice you hear on the other end of the phone scheduling your bookings.



What we have achieved over the past year (Nov 2020—Oct 2021)

1625 Hospital Hop Trips
662 Community Car Trips
1233 Shopping/Outing trips

Throughout the pandemic we conducted 63 shopping trips for our vulnerable service users who struggled to leave their homes.

The lockdowns also gave us an opportunity to conduct some research and we released an Operational Report with some interesting findings.

The number of people over 85 in Dorset is expected to double by 2039. Research indicates that about 10% of the population in Bournemouth and Poole provide unpaid care to someone who is ill, frail or disabled. Disabled people are more likely to live in poverty and 36% of households in Bournemouth with a disabled resident had a household income well below the national average. Approximately 6,000 aged 65 and over live in areas considered the most deprived in the country. Social isolation and loneliness leads to mental decline and is estimated to cost the UK around £2.1bn every year.

Community Transport can mitigate the cost of loneliness and isolation by providing people with access to health and other services, and to social opportunities, ensuring they lead fulfilling independent lives.


Sedcat's Purpose

“To operate affordable accessible transport services in the local area and through this, promote social inclusion, independence and a sense of community”

Sedcat being a Charity, rely on Funding and our service users which sometimes does not always cover our costs. We welcome any further donations, you can deposit a donation straight into our bank account or give us a call so we could take a card payment:

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Another way of securing the future of these services is through a legacy. This is a gift to a charity in a Will. A donation can be either general or specific, for eg: towards a new bus or to help towards running costs, every bit helps us to, *Make a Difference!*



Thank You!



What have we been up to?

We celebrated Muriel Fuller's 100th Birthday



Implemented strict Covid safety protocol



Ladies enjoying a lunch outing to Holmsley Tea Station



Sedcat Services Reminder

For £10 annual membership you have access to the following services:

Shopping outing trips (Mon—Fri except Wed)

Lunch outing trips (Wed & Thurs)

Wimborne once a month shopping outing first Monday of month

(bookings for the above services are made the day before)

Community Car services (bookings done in advance)

Hospital Hop service (bookings done in advance)



If you require access to mobility equipment, you can become a member of our Shopmobility scheme at £10 annually and have access to a range of mobility equipment at discounted rates.

We also offer our mobility equipment on Long Loans for anyone needing mobility aid for longer periods.



Sedcat are also always still looking for volunteer drivers to help with our Community Car services. If you want to change lives and get people out of social isolation and loneliness, you have your own vehicle and clean driving licence get in touch, we will cover all your expenses.

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Day	Date	Opening Hours
Monday	20/12/2021	10.00 – 16.00
Tuesday	21/12/2021	10.00 – 16.00
Wednesday	22/12/2021	10.00 – 16.00
Thursday	23/12/2021	10.00 – 16.00
Friday	Xmas Eve	10.00 – 12.00
Saturday	X mas Day	Closed
Sunday	Boxing Day	Closed
Bank Holiday Monday	27/12/2021	Closed
Bank Holiday Tuesday	28/12/2021	Closed
Wednesday	29/12/2021	10.00 – 13.00
Thursday	30/12/2021	10.00 – 13.00
Friday	New Years Eve	Closed
Saturday	New Years Day	Closed
Sunday	02/01/2022	Closed
Bank Holiday Monday	03/01/2022	Closed



Notice about Dec/Jan Service Bookings

Bookings for the Shopping trip scheduled for the Tuesday the 4th January need to be booked by the Thursday the 23rd December.

Hospital Hop will run 29—30 December however bookings need to be in by the 23rd December. If you have booked please take note of the driver contact details in the event of a cancellation.

No outings will be taking place after 22nd December and will resume again the 12th January 2022



Wishing everyone a safe fun-filled Merry Christmas with loved ones and a prosperous New Year.