

2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



*Having started here at **sedcat** in August 2021, I consider myself privileged to be working within an organisation that serves the community. With the rise in the cost of living now more than ever the need for affordable accessible transport services is so important. This year although there was a sharp rise in many of our expenses we were still able to keep our prices the same and have been able to work to full capacity again.*

*Transport is the lifeline to so many who cannot access public transport as it promotes social inclusion, independence and a sense of community. I believe at **sedcat** there is an opportunity to reach more people, to deepen our impact and we hope to grow our geographical area and offer more services in 2023*

Natascha Mc Allister—Chief Officer



Plans for the New Year

Offering Services to residents living within Post codes BH12—BH18

Start a regular lunch time outing catered specifically for people with learning disabilities

Continue collaborating with other Charity associations and health care providers so we stay connected with the needs in the communities

Launching a sedcat MIDAS (special driver training) Academy



What we have been up to in 2022

Community Car Service

Our volunteer drivers take people to their essential medical and self care appointments, social clubs and more. This year we provided **1305** passenger journey's.

BAT Bus Service

Providing door to door accessible minibuses that take people to lunch and shopping outings. This year we provided **1937** people passenger journey's.

Hospital Hop

A daily accessible shuttle service to Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Hospitals. In the year we provided **1948** journey's helping people get to vital medical appointments.

Shopmobility

We provide electric scooters, power and manual wheelchairs for hire on a daily bases and "longer loan periods". This year we hired our equipment **401** times and for a total of **917** days.

Social Trips

Sedcat have collaborated with other charities providing vital transport services so the community can continue to socialize with one another. During the year we provided **40** extra passenger journey's to other charities.



Sedcat have collaborated with MyTime & BCP Young Carers providing transport to get these treasured children out and about and making memories and friends.

We had a lovely boat trip with Friends of Dolphin



Highlights and Achievements

Following on from Sue Leighton, **sedcat** appointed a new Chief Officer Natascha McAllister. Natascha has extensive experience in the charity sector and will help steer the charity forward, continuing to unlock the opportunities and potential.

In this financial year **sedcat** were able to upgrade all our computers ensuring they met the latest operating system and security requirements. We have invested in a new database developed tailor made for **sedcat** requirements to help manage the day to day operation and generate data to help improve system and processes and save money.

We continued to build on **partnership working** and forged collaborative relationships with other Charities to provide transport services, MyTime & BCP Young Carers, Abbeyfield Wessex Care & Dorset Blind association to name but a few.

We were also very fortunate to receive funding from the following doners, and give a special thanks to:

- BCP Council
- JLL Castlepoint Tenants Grant
- Power to Change
- Talbot Village Trust
- Clothworkers
- The Valentine Trust
- Leathersellers Company Charitable Trust

We continue to serve the community providing transport to vital health and self care appointments with thanks to our valued Volunteer Drivers who go out of their way to provide a much needed service for the community.



This year **sedcat** received donations of **4** extra scooters to increase our fleet. A very big Thank You to Leah Wallace and Marion Phillips for 2 of them, whilst the other two came from unnamed deceased estates.



We were pleased to celebrate one of our service users 100th Birthday.

How to get involved

“Join us on the journey to changing people’s lives!!”

Make a donation

We would be unable to continue operating all of our services without the valuable donations we receive. A donation will make a difference no matter how big or small and if you are a tax payer, we can claim back 25p on your donation through the Gift Aid scheme.

Promote Us

Head across to our social media pages and promote us to others or word of mouth is still the best form of promotion.

Participate in the BH Coastal Lottery

For £1 a week, you can help **sedcat** and have a chance of winning up to £25 000. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week. All you need to do is visit our page at <https://www.bhcoastalottery.co.uk/support/sedcat> and follow the instructions to buy a ticket.

Leave a Legacy in your will.

If you are considering leaving a legacy to charity, we can provide you with the details of how you can support **sedcat**. You will need to speak to your solicitor to put it in your will or donations can be arranged through a funeral home.

Become a volunteer

At **sedcat**, we understand how important it is to provide opportunities for anyone living in the community who wish to contribute to society by helping those less privileged. We greatly value our dedicated band of volunteers who work tirelessly to help us in our mission to bring accessible and affordable transport to residents in the local area who struggle with their transport needs.

With that we would like to give a special thanks to all our volunteers, staff and trustees who give of their precious time to help sedcat serve our purpose.

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Christmas opening times

We will be closed over the festive season from lunch time the 23rd December and reopen again on Tuesday the 3rd January 2023.

Our first shopping run will be on Thursday the 5th January for Zone A and Friday for Zone B.

Lunch outings will resume again on the Wednesday the 11th January 2023.



A special Merry Christmas to all, over this festive season, stay safe and treasure your time with your loved ones, life is so short!