



Transport Key Findings 2015

- Older people, people with disabilities, those who live in rural areas, young people, and those without access to a car, say community transport is vital in eliminating isolation and improving health and wellbeing
- People in the community who know about, and who are using the community transport schemes, both minibus and private cars, describe the positive difference the service makes to their lives.
- Older people who do not express difficulties with travel rely on family members to provide transport.
- 60% of those without their own transport rated most difficult as; getting to doctors, hospital, and to do their own shopping.
- There are threats to the sustainability of some Community Transport schemes, including ageing volunteers and funders' restrictions that can prevent building up reserves for new vehicles.
- The combination of community minibuses and volunteer drivers using their own cars appears to be a good fit for the local community
- As health services plan on extending their hours, the transport service will need to respond to this. This is likely to cause more reliance on VCFS transport providers.
- There is an expressed need in the Shavington area around the difficulty getting to and from community groups and VCFS services.