

Grant application from Mid Devon Mobility

Dear Newton St Cyres Councillors,

I hope you're keeping well. I'm writing on behalf of Mid Devon Mobility, a local charity dedicated to supporting older, disabled, and rurally isolated residents across Mid Devon — including those in **Newton St Cyres**.

We offer a wide range of services designed to help people stay independent and connected, from mobility equipment hire to accessible transport options. Among these, our Ring & Ride and Community Car services are especially valued in your parish. They are essential for helping residents attend medical appointments, do their shopping, and maintain vital social connections.

Our Day Trip Clubs are also incredibly popular, giving people the chance to enjoy outings to garden centres, seaside towns, pub lunches, and other social destinations. These trips bring joy, companionship, and a renewed sense of independence to those who might otherwise struggle to get out and about.

Real Impact: One of our new members, Vera, recently shared, *"Before I found Mid Devon Mobility, I felt invisible. I hadn't left the house in months. Now, thanks to Mid Devon Mobility, I can do my shopping with ease, I've made wonderful new friends, and the day trips are filled with laughter and joy. It's not just transport — it's given me my confidence back and helped me feel like myself again"*

In the past year, we've supported **8 Newton St Cyres residents** through our transport services, with each making multiple journeys

We're proud to have made a difference in their lives — and we believe there's even more we can do. With your support, we can reach more residents who may not yet know about the help available to them, and ensure that everyone in your parish has access to the services they need to stay connected and independent.

To help raise awareness of our services in your area, I'd be happy to come and give a short talk to your council or community group. It's a great way to share what we do and ensure more residents know how to access the support available to them.

We're asking **Newton St Cyres Parish Council** to consider a financial contribution to help us continue delivering these services in your parish. Even a small grant can make a big difference — for example:

- **£25 could fund a return journey for a resident to attend a vital medical appointment or join a social activity**
- **£50 could provide two return journeys or help cover the cost of a volunteer driver's expenses for a week**
- **£100 could fund 10 return journeys for isolated residents**
- **£300 could support 2 full Day Trip Club outings, including transport & volunteer support.**
- **£500 could help us maintain our accessible vehicles**

Your support will be recognised in our newsletters, social media, and community updates — but most importantly, it will be felt by your residents who rely on these services every day.

If you'd like to discuss how we can work together to support your community, please contact me on 01884 242099 or email hayley@middevonmobility.org.uk. I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Here is the link to our latest accounts on the Charity Commission [MID DEVON MOBILITY - 1099477](https://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/1099477). If you'd like any further information please do get in touch.

Warm regards,

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