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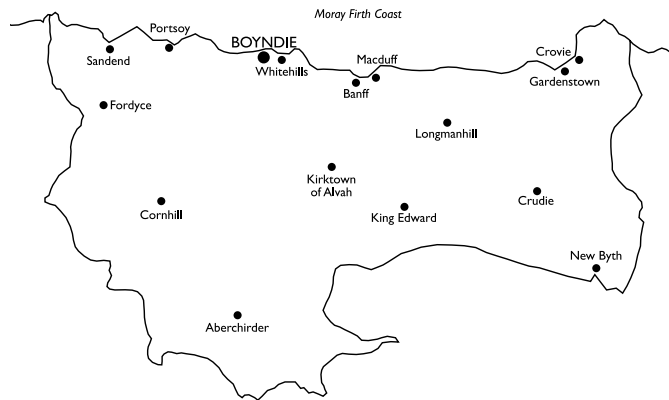
As well as our regular staff, we have a team of committed and enthusiastic volunteers who drive the minibuses and assist the passengers. They all say that they find the work fun, sociable and rewarding. If you have a sociable disposition and a sense of humour, perhaps you could spare the odd half day to help out. We will give you training and support and you don't have to commit to any more time than you can manage.

Just one or two half days each month would benefit a huge number of people. In this way, we can expand the service on offer. (All out of pocket expenses are reimbursed).

Please call us on: **01261 843598**

Banffshire Partnership Community Transport serves the communities of:

*Aberchirder, Alvah, Banff, Boyndie, Cornhill, Crudie, Fordyce, Forglen, Gamrie, Gardenstown, Hilton, King Edward, Macduff, New Byth, Ordiquhill, Portsoy, Sandend & Whitehills.*



If you live in the Banffshire Partnership area and feel that your community could benefit from a Dial-a-Bus service or Community hire, please give us a call. We will be happy to discuss the possibilities more fully with you.

You can get us on:

# 01261 843598

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**Community Transport General Information**  
**(including Dial-a-Bus Service Information)**

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**M**any people think that our buses are only for older or disabled people, well that's just not true!

*For many people who live in our area getting to and from the shops is a real problem. This is because they live too far from a service bus route, the only family car is used to get to work, or they have no car at their disposal.*

*One of Banffshire Partnership's (BPL) main aims is to help people who find themselves in these situations. We're not here to duplicate anything already provided by regular bus services, but to "fill the gaps".*



We provide a service in our community in many ways:

## Dial-a-Bus

BPL's Dial-a-Bus has been around for several years now under various organisational banners. You will see the buses going around the community with the distinctive blue, green and grey signage.

We cater for people who have difficulty getting on a normal service bus or who have problems carrying their shopping. We provide our clients with door-to-door service, which gives them access to shops and services perhaps not available in their communities. And, just as importantly, a valuable social outing. The driver is accompanied by a trained passenger assistant, who helps passengers in many ways during their journey. Our fares are based on those for service buses, but we do accept concession cards.

The buses run at least once every week or more often from some areas and must be booked in advance. Please ring the office for more information or to register with us. We will then ask one of our staff to visit you at home. They will explain the service more fully and make sure it suits your needs.

## Community Minibuses

We have a fleet of three minibuses. All our buses are fairly new and are available for hire by registered community groups. We have two 13/14 passenger fully-accessible buses fitted with a side-step and tail lift access. Our third bus is a 16 passenger vehicle with a side-step.

We encourage the community groups to have their own drivers as this cuts down the cost of hiring the buses. However, we have a pool of volunteer drivers and paid drivers who we can use.

As members of the Community Transport



Association, we provide the nationally accredited Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training to everyone who drives our buses. So you can feel safe when you are out and about.

We charge per mile; please call us to find out the current charge. (Minimum charge of £20 per day applies)

If you would like to register your group or to find out more about driving a minibus, please give us a ring on **01261 843598**. We'd be delighted to give you more information.