Case study 1: Supporting Disability Sport

Community Transport:
Delivering well-being for the people of Wales

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Maxine lives in a rural area in the county of Carmarthenshire. She is a 2nd Dan black belt in Judo and is registered blind. She represented Great Britain at the 2004 Paralympics.

In 2016 Maxine found herself stuck for transport in order to attend training. She contacted Carmarthenshire Country Cars who were able to provide a volunteer driver who took Maxine and her guide dog Fisher, to Judo training in Ammanford. Thanks to this support, Maxine could continue her Judo classes and has competed in the Welsh Open, European Championships and World Championships.

O Drws i Drws was set up in 2002 after research highlighted that transport was an issue for the population of the Lleyn peninsular. The organisation has since worked to provide affordable transport and improve access to services in the area. Services take disadvantaged people from their homes to essential services and back home.

The organisation now operates a coastal bus on a Section 22 permit which allows access to the coast.

Voluntary Emergency Services Transport (VEST) was set up in 1971 to deliver coal and wood supplies to those who couldn’t leave their homes during fuel shortages.

Today, the organisation provides transport for residents of Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan who are unable to use regular public transport. By using our buses, hundreds of people enjoy local trips for shopping or leisure or to meet friends at day centres. Buses can also be booked by local groups to take people on trips further afield.