

Derbyshire Community Transport

Case Study

Throughout the Tackling Loneliness Project, we have worked in partnership with Links CVS and our various BAME partners to help their members become more involved in the community and to reduce loneliness. The culmination of our joint efforts took place on Saturday 10th June when we provided transport for 138 members of various BAME communities to Carsington Water for a day of recreation and fun activities. This trip was partially supported with the last of our Tackling Loneliness funding.



DCT transported 138 BAME community members from Chesterfield to Carsington Water by providing our own 53 seat coach and 32 seat minibus and by arranging the provision of an additional 53 seat coach from another operator. This was the largest party that DCT has ever arranged transport for. It consisted of 42 Muslim Women Group members, 38 Ukrainians, 24 Poles, 10 Senegalese and Gambians, 10 Asian Association members and 12 hotel-based refugees of multiple nationalities.

Links CVS described the day as a "resounding success" and stated how grateful Links CVS and the individual BAME groups were for "the efforts of DCT and CTA and the funding provided by the DfT, which had enabled the provision of a much bigger programme of events and activities than would otherwise have been the case." This had brought great benefits to their members in terms "getting people out of their homes, meeting new people and reducing loneliness and isolation."

DCT is working with Links CVS and our BAME partner organisations to obtain additional funding from other sources to continue these trips in the future. For example, DCT is collaborating with the Asian Association to secure funding for various trips linked to the its planned 2023 Diwali celebrations.

