

Beverley Community Lift

Case Study

Measuring Our Impact

We have had a positive effect on everyone that we have spoken to – people have felt more connected to their community and made new friends. Volunteers have been given a fresh new purpose following retirement. Keeping people active for longer has been so beneficial to people in our communities.

When it comes to loneliness...prevention is definitely better than cure!

People need companionship and an organisation they can trust, as well as a variety of things to do.

Between July 2022 and May 2023, we completed 82 round trips – here's some of what we got up to:

- Full day outings to places like Louth, Thirsk, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Breezy Knees Gardens, Peaseholm Park, Beningbrough Hall, Castle Howard and Brodsworth Hall in Doncaster. There were also various trips along the Yorkshire Coast.
- In addition, there were shorter visits to markets in lovely market towns like Driffield, Cottingham, Pocklington, Market Weighton and Howden.
- And, who doesn't love a garden centre! There have been trips to many of those from a well-known garden centre in Bridlington to a firm favourite in Brigg.
- To top it off there have been a variety of pub lunches and even a panto.....oh yes there has!!!

Here's what our passengers said....



"I live on my own since my wife died, these trips get me out of the house so that I am not seeing the same four walls all of the time."

"BCL pick you up from your front door and bring you back to your front door. It is always warm on the minibus; the drivers are always approachable and I feel safe. I feel very grateful for the service."





"I am 90 years of age, almost blind and deaf. I cannot access the community without support to get me from A to B. This vital service has enabled me to keep a level of independence and to meet up with my elderly friends and make new ones. Using BCL makes me feel part of society and without it I would spend a lot of time at home and not see my friends."

"After the death of my husband two years ago I have found a whole group of new friends and through the bus trips this has opened up a new life, thank you."

"Using BCL enables you to get to places you would not otherwise be able to get to. The outings mean that you have good company so that you do not feel lonely."

"It is positive to do something rewarding and worthwhile. I have just come out of work so it has assisted me to do something with my time. It is good to meet up with people and have social interaction. It gives a sense of fulfilment."



"I have gained independence doing my own shopping. I have made new friends with people that I would not otherwise have met."

"It is nice to meet up with friends and have the only day out I have once a month."

"BCL is a fantastic service, making shopping a lot easier and providing very enjoyable trips out. They also help me to get to health appointments."

"I now feel part of the community and feel valued. I really enjoy what I do and because of my volunteering with BCL I am now volunteer with other organisations too."

