

# South East Dorset

## Community Accessible Transport

### Case Study – Our TL Project

Having sat on the Poole GP Link Worker forum and after multiple requests to start a lunch outing for the Poole residents, thanks to our funding from the CTA we were able to offer this service in a new Geographical area we did not previously service.



Our Project – Re-connecting the Community was about providing access to accessible transport for individuals with limited mobility or cognitive disabilities so they can get out and about and meeting people in their communities. We were also on a drive to recruit more volunteers which although was initially slow has now picked up momentum and we have signed up a total of 10 new volunteer drivers.

The biggest impact has been our success in moving into a new Geographical area, the Poole area where such a service was not offered previously. Through the GP Link Workers we were referred several older people who were identified as very lonely and socially isolated. To date we have signed up 47 new members in the area who invariably attend our weekly lunch outings as well as using our other services to get to their vital medical appointments.





Poole was identified by the local GP social prescribers and link workers as having very vulnerable community members who felt very isolated and lonely and struggling to access transport to get to their vital medical appointments. Through this project we have been able to expand into the area providing increased accessibility for individuals who have limited mobility being able to access a transport service which improved their social inclusion within the community.