



Didcot Volunteer Centre

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REPORT TO DIDCOT TOWN COUNCIL FROM DIDCOT VOLUNTEER CENTRE

DVC has employed a Deputy Organiser from 1st July 2018 to work for 208 hours per annum. We are grateful for the £1200 grant from Didcot Town Council to meet the partial salary costs. From July to December 31st we have used £936 to pay for 104 hours work, 6 months' salary. The remaining £264 will pay for 29 hours work, approx. 7 weeks' salary. Didcot Volunteer Centre's unallocated gifts will fund the remaining hours until end of June 2019.

The Deputy Organiser continues in his role as Emergency Contact for all volunteers and has skillfully organised the office rota to ensure the efficiency of DVC and maintain our high completion rate of requests for transport. DVC has benefited greatly because our Deputy Organiser has, in his own free time, also become a valued volunteer driver.

This year he has taken on the added responsibility of contacting all volunteer drivers about relevant traffic and roadworks problems especially important in view of the Headington developments affecting the Churchill, The Nuffield and the John Radcliffe hospitals. Please look at Didcot Volunteer Centre website for details of the Our Didcot episode presented by the Deputy Organiser www.didcotvolunteercentre.org.uk

- DVC has 400+ clients registered to use our services who live in Didcot.
- DVC has 15 Volunteer Drivers and 8 volunteer office staff and one IT volunteer who live in Didcot.
- DVC has organised over 1700 single journeys for our Didcot clients during the last six months.
- All correspondence and other publicity materials sent out by DVC this year has listed Didcot Town Council as a financial supporter.

- Didcot Town Council's logo and support are listed on our website www.didcotvolunteercentre.org.uk/supporters

We appreciate the funding Didcot Town Council has given DVC for the past six years. This has enabled our charity to improve and extend our service to those in real need of personal transport in the local area. Our 500+ clients rely on our service especially since hospital transport has been severely curtailed, taxi fares have increased significantly and local bus services have been reduced dramatically. Those who have no close family and are frail, rely on DVC drivers to accompany them to their hospital appointments and bring them safely back home. Please contact me if you require further information.

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