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**Wycombe District takes to The Chilterns Dial-a-Ride like a swan to water - but volunteer drivers are needed!**

The Chilterns Dial-a-Ride (CDAR), a registered charity, operates a successful and much appreciated service in Chiltern and South Bucks Districts, providing transport for those in the community with mobility problems. It runs a door to door service with trained, caring drivers and minibuses all with wheelchair access. As one regular user puts it "CDAR has helped me get a life"..

Since April 2015, CDAR has extended its services to include Wycombe District. In a very short time, CDAR had to acquire 3 more minibuses for its new coverage, ready to start in April, at a cost of £45,000.- "Without them we could never have started." said CDAR Chairman David Ouvry

"We are delighted to report that CDAR has managed to raise the full sum, thanks to generous grants from **The Heart of Bucks (Buckinghamshire Community Foundation)** and **The Paradigm Foundation**, as well as two Trusts that wish to remain anonymous."

"We are very pleased with the speed that people in Wycombe District have been taking up our service. In May, we had already carried 497 passengers from Wycombe District over the month and in June, the figure rose to 631, close to the number of passengers carried in our other two districts, This just shows the underlying need for the CDAR service. We are running at near full capacity, but now what we really need is **more volunteer drivers** to help us meet demand".

The Chilterns Dial-a-Ride has a tradition of having volunteer drivers as well as paid drivers. It provides full training for new recruits. The volunteer team is currently about 20 strong, but they are fully stretched and with the blossoming in Wycombe District, the need to find more volunteers is a top priority. CDAR has now joined the Bucks Time Credit network, a scheme which recognises the time volunteers give to the community.

Those interested in giving some of their time to help as a CDAR volunteer driver, please ring us on 01494 766123.