

Response from Community First – Sophie Pryce

The objective is absolutely fine, it's very important that people are made aware of the existing community transport available in the Ross area.

However I do have a few comments with regards to the action. Ross WRVS Country Cars are the community transport scheme covering Ross and its surrounding parishes – the scheme have one central telephone number which is 01989 765595 (phone lines are open from 9.30am – 12.30pm with an answer-phone to take messages at other times). The co-ordinator is Pauline Davies. Ross WRVS Country cars an effective CT scheme covering the Ross area, and they work alongside the seven other schemes who cover the remaining parishes of Herefordshire (each scheme has their own patch and every parish in the county has access to a scheme). If a potential client contacted the scheme to be told they do not live in the catchment area, all schemes will then either signpost to the relevant transport scheme, or will pass the client to me to ensure they are signposted to a scheme who can help them.

I do not currently see the need for setting up an umbrella group because all the CT schemes in the county already attend a bi-monthly forum, organised by the RTA, which exists to ensure all schemes work effectively and fairly alongside each other.

I am more than happy to provide further information on the services provided by Ross WRVS Country Cars, and the other schemes if needed.

Kind regards

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Response from environmental Health & Trading Standards

Just some comments on those action points that currently affect or lie within my area of responsibility (EH&TS).

1.5 For information, maintenance of car parks is undertaken by property services although the responsibility for car parking and decriminalised parking falls within EH & TS. Signposting would normally be responsibility of Highways working with Transportation section.

3.6 Happy to work with Town Council over dog fouling issues. New revised Dog Control Orders covering the whole of the County are being worked on and should be in force June/July this year. Would look to the Town Council (members of public to highlight problem areas and times) so that targeted intelligence led enforcement can be undertaken by the the Dog Wardens / Community Protection Team (CPT).

3.7 Fly Tipping - powers are vested with local authority and I'm not aware that they can be delegated to local Parish/Town Council's. Any incidents of 'fly tipping' should be reported via Info By Phone who will then raise necessary instruction for the CPT to investigate. If sufficient evidence available, then we will look to bring a prosecution where appropriate.

I think this covers the salient points, any queries, let me know.

Regards
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