

# Valuing Community Transport in Northumberland



## Community transport in Northumberland - new developments - revised Community Transport Strategy

Choppington Social Welfare Centre, Fernlea Drive, Scotland Gate, Choppington, NE62 5SR  
Thursday 31st January 2008

### PROGRAMME: MORNING

- 09:00 Registration and coffee
- 09:30 Welcome  
Cllr Peter Hillman, Leader, Northumberland County Council
- 09:35 **The role of community transport in Northumberland**  
*Richard Armitage, Managing Director, Richard Armitage Transport Consultancy Ltd.*
- 09:45 **Getabout Northumberland: Voluntary Car Scheme**  
*Vee Robinson, Chief Executive, Transport in North Northumberland*
- 10:00 **CAN Travel: Wheels to Work in Castle Morpeth**  
*Graham Bone, Senior Projects Officer, Castle Morpeth Borough Council*
- 10:15 **Castle Morpeth Taxicard - subsidised taxi service for residents in the rural west of the borough**  
*Richard Armitage*
- 10:30 Questions and comments
- 10:45 Coffee
- 11:10 **Northumberland County Council's new CT Quality Standard**  
*Jan Chisholm, Community Transport Officer, Northumberland County Council*
- 11:25 **Community transport and contracts**  
*John Taylor, Director, TAS Partnership Ltd.*  
*Liz Prudhoe, General Manager, ADAPT*
- 11:50 Questions and comments
- 12:10 **The revised Community Transport Strategy for Northumberland**  
Introduction and context; NSP Access to Services initiative  
*David Laux, Divisional Director, Highways & Transportation, Northumberland County Council*  
*Janice Rose, Head of Strategy, Northumberland Strategic Partnership*
- 12:20 **The aims of the revised strategy**  
*Derek Halden, Director, Derek Halden Consultancy Ltd.*

## **PROGRAMME: AFTERNOON**

- 12:35 Lunch, plus Exhibition and Displays
- 13:30 **Workshops: Development of the Community Transport Strategy**
1. Transport
  2. Regeneration, Employment and Social Inclusion
  3. Health
  4. Education, Childcare and Youthwork
  5. Environment and safety
- Discussions to agree on the desired actions and then focus on who can manage, fund, and develop each action and on what timescale
- If there are barriers to progress, discussion about how these obstacles can be overcome
- Each Workshop will be facilitated by the Rural & Community Transport Development Project
- 15:00 Tea
- 15:15 **What happens next?**
- Plenary discussion, including:
- Feedback from the Workshops
  - Implementation of the revised Community Transport Strategy
- 16:00 Close and go home