

Wadebridge in Lockdown

It is incredible how all our lives have changed over the past two months. **On March 16th we completed our last trip before the lockdown, taking a lovely group to Kernow Mill at Trerulefoot.** It really was a beautiful day and we were looking forward to several other group bookings and trips of our own.

However, due to the current situation we find ourselves in, we have adapted our work and are still helping as many people as we can. From the beginning of the lockdown, we have been to our local Tesco store on a weekly basis, getting essential shopping for our passengers and people that need it - we then deliver it to their front door. Local shopping is done on other days of the week, ensuring we reach as many people as possible.



The support we have offered

In May, our local garden Centre opened, so we have been there on two occasions to buy and deliver compost, plants and seeds for people. We have also delivered prescriptions, newspapers and on one occasion a wheelchair.



Since this all started, we have been asked to buy stamps, birthday and anniversary cards, a garden chair, a hot water bottle, shed paint, ant powder and clothes pegs. **So far, we have been able to source all we've been asked for, even though only a few shops have been open!** We have even been asked to put a bed rail together.

Several of our members and passengers have been doing jigsaws to fill their time & we now have a stock of these available to lend out and deliver. Magazines, books and wool are also available.



At present we are helping fourteen people on a regular basis and seven others from time to time.

We are currently keeping in touch with our members & passengers by phone, letter or garden chats from a distance when we deliver items. **Some of the conversations during May were memories of V.E Day seventy-five years ago.**

Collecting memories

During this extraordinary time, we have also been taking photos of life in Wadebridge during the lockdown. As so many of our passengers and members haven't been going out, these memories will hopefully make an interesting slideshow when we can eventually meet again.

What you said?

These are a selection of the comments we have received over the past ten weeks:

"What would I do without you?"

"Keep up the good work!"

"You're doing a wonderful job."

"Thank you for all you're doing."

"I'm really missing our lovely trips out."

"The shopping is a wonderful help."

"We need more people like you in the community."

"Thank you so much for keeping in touch."

"It's so kind of you to ring me."



Wadebridge Welfare Transport, talk to us about the impact of COVID-19 and how they are helping people within the community.

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