

# UTTLESFORD COMMUNITY TRAVEL

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## Uttlesford Community Travel (UCT)

The last year, which has been unique for everyone and has seen us all being forced to change the way we lead our lives. Even when lockdown was not in force, we were still restricted in being able to live normally and carry out all the things that we took for granted. While there have been lows, such as many people having their livelihoods either vastly reduced or lost, there have certainly been highs as well.

It has also underlined just how much reliance had been placed on UCT to support the Residents and Commerce of Saffron Walden, individual members increased during the year, with the number of vehicles increasing from two to three operating in the Saffron Walden area.

UCT vehicles had been adapted to make them Covid safe, giving confidence to those who used the service. During the year we provided transport for our members and many of the wider community, who had appointments to attend the vaccination centres and were unable to attend for many reasons, as transport had not been made available or had no other means of transport. It was also apparent over the year we had to change and become flexible with the hours UCT operated and continuing to do so in 2022/23.

During the year our membership increased, as they gain confidence to travel and attend meetings and shopping. Group travel had been much the same during the year, however, the last three months of the year there has been stability and a steady growth, which gives the indication of things returning back to normality.

UCT will continue to ensure that we operate our services in the most beneficial way for our members/groups during 2022/23 with the financial challenges.

As we move forward into 2022/23 which is UCT 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we would like to thank the continued support of UCT by Saffron Walden Town Council.

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