

## Christina Connor

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**From:** Kyte, Lee C2 (SDA-CS-Sonar-Acquisition)  
**Sent:** 19 October 2018 07:54  
**To:** Christina Connor  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Trowbridge Town Council Minibus

Good morning Christina,

Please could I take this opportunity to thank you for the use of the minibus during the summer, which we refer to as “boating season”. The use of your minibus enabled us to double the number of cadets we could take to the River Avon in Chippenham every week. This meant that every single cadet that wanted to experience the fun of rowing, kayaking and canoeing could do so. Our only other option would have been to limit the number of cadets who could attend on any given evening. But thanks to your support we managed to get each of the cadets over 30 hours each on the water over the summer. This equates to a total 450 hours provided thanks the use of the Trowbridge Town Council minibus. I think you’ll agree this is an amazing figure. The minibus also gave the cadets time to socialise with each other on the way to and from the river and they even commented on how much they enjoy travelling together as a group.

Kind regards,

Lee

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**From:** Tim Brown <trowbridgetigers@yahoo.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 December 2018 00:55  
**To:** Christina Connor  
**Subject:** Re: Minibus

Hi Christina,

Sorry this was stuck in my drafts - just sending again as original message won't send.

Thanks

Tim

Hi,

Trowbridge Tigers FC have used the Trowbridge Town Council minibus on several occasions. We have used this mostly for away games for our LGBT football team.

We often play friendlies or cup games/tournaments a bit further a field than most teams. To date we have used the minibus for games and tournaments in London, Cardiff, Leicester, Devon, Birmingham and Newcastle.

For us this has been invaluable as normally the cost of away travel means that those that can't afford it are unable to travel. With this minibus we've been able to absorb some of the costs for this and offer discounted travel to our members.

The minibus is great but could do with updating that's for sure. I really hope Trowbridge Town Council and Active Trowbridge are able to continue to offer this service.

Thanks

Tim

On Wednesday, 28 November 2018, 10:16:35 GMT, Christina Connor <Christina.Connor@trowbridge.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Tim

We are submitting an application to the Trowbridge Area board on behalf of the Trowbridge Sports Forum to help fund the replacement minibus and were wondering if Trowbridge Tigers would consider writing a letter of support for the application.? The application need to be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> December and the letter would need to show how the minibus has facilitate your clubs access to matches, participation in sport, if traveling together helps the team to bond, if it saves the club money travelling together?

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Christina

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**From:** Warren Wade <chairman@avonvalleyrunners.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 December 2018 17:53  
**To:** Hayley Bell  
**Cc:** Christina Connor  
**Subject:** Minibus funding.

Dear Hayley,

As you are aware, last year Avon Valley Runners were raising funds for an all-weather training track.

We applied to TTC for a grant of £1000 which we were delighted to be awarded.

Due to our large membership numbers and the fact we've held two extremely successful races, our finances have recovered somewhat since the track was installed.

We are aware that the current Trowbridge Sports Forum minibus is now in quite poor condition and in need of replacement, and that you are currently looking to raise the funds to purchase a new one.

We would therefore like to repay the kindness shown to us by TTC when we were in need by donating £1000 towards your new minibus.

The use of the bus has enabled us to do so much we wouldn't ordinarily have been able to do and we know that it is used by many organisations that may not be as financially stable as ourselves who really appreciate being able to use it at such low cost.

I will sort out the finer details regarding the payment soon.

All the best with the rest of the fundraising, we can't wait to see (and use of course) the new bus!

Kind regards,  
Warren

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know why we think Active Trowbridge should be supported in their quest to obtain funds for a new mini bus.

For the last 3 years Active Trowbridge have supported our school to take part in the West Wilts Dance Festival in Bath. This festival enables our children to compete against many other schools across Wiltshire and gives them the opportunity to perform on a 'real stage' to a large audience. Many of our children have never been to a theatre, so the chance to perform in one is very exciting!

Each year they provide us with access to their mini bus and a driver to take the children across to Bath in the afternoon and wait with us until the festival finishes in the late evening (return to school is quite often after 10pm!) If we had to hire a mini bus, the premiums for being out at this time of night would mean that it would be unlikely that we would be able to take part in the festival. The cost to the school, or to pass on to parents would simply be too high and our children would miss out on this valuable experience.

Active Trowbridge are a vital resource in our school and within the schools' community and we are very fortunate to benefit from this resource.

We hope that you will consider their application favourably.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Laing  
School Business Manager





The minibus has been a real community asset for Avon Valley Runners (AVR) and has furthered the sense of camaraderie within the club. Runners, of all ages, have shared journeys to both local and further afield races (Brighton, Cardiff, London, Nottingham etc...) and this has helped to reinforce a cross-generational sense of purpose within the club. For some younger athletes, the fact that they are sharing the space with their 'club heroes is great' (their words).

On a more practical level, the minibus provides AVR with an affordable means of transportation to key events whereby nobody is excluded on the basis of cost or the fact that they do not have access to a car. At a time when the costs associated with some events are becoming prohibitively expensive this ensures that AVR can maintain its inclusive approach to providing competition opportunities for all its members no matter their financial circumstances.

The access to the minibus thus helps AVR to reinforce its own role as a community asset within Trowbridge as well as allowing it to function as a supportive running club for every one of its members.

The current minibus has done AVR extremely well but is starting to show its age now and AVR are fully behind Trowbridge Sports Forum's intention to replace it. Its replacement will ensure that clubs such as ourselves can continue to benefit from being able to participate in events all over the country.

One final thing, whilst it may not increase footfall within Trowbridge town centre, the arrival of the minibus at races always engenders a dialogue with other clubs/athletes, via its logo, about where Trowbridge is. Within the sport this sense of place has helped to engender a healthy respect towards both our club for travelling to distant events and to Trowbridge Sports Forum and Trowbridge Town Council for their willingness to support us.

Steven Williams  
Coach, Avon Valley Runners



Junior Avon Valley Runners (JAVR) have used the minibus on many occasions, mostly for travelling to races but also to other events. JAVR have used it for travelling to races such as the Yeovil 5k in September, the Thames Valley Open Track Meet in early April and several cross country races in the winter months in places such as London or Cardiff.

It benefits JAVR for several reasons. Firstly it takes pressure off parents who don't want to drive many miles to watch their child compete in a race. By providing the minibus as transport the stress of parents having to travel, often to places which are unfamiliar to them, is taken away and they can accompany their child on a stress free journey. It also allows children to access races they may not have been able to go to due to their parents/guardians having commitments. Instead of children being disappointed as their parent/guardian can't take them they have the option to travel with DBS checked JAVR leaders and coaches who can take responsibility for them for the day and provide that option of being able to race. Finally, the minibus allows junior runners from JAVR to bond with other members outside of training. By going to races and often stopping for refreshments, juniors get the chance to talk to each other at the race or on the minibus during the journeys, something they often don't get an opportunity to do during a busy training session. By opening the minibus up to our youngest juniors from 11 years old right up to 17 years old it allows juniors to integrate together more. This is particularly important to the ethos and welcoming feeling of JAVR.

JAVR are fully supportive of Trowbridge Sports Forum's bid to replace the current minibus with a new one. The current one has done us extremely well since it was purchased and, as outlined above, has enabled us as a club to be extremely successful at events we wouldn't ordinarily be able to attend en-masse due to transport logistics.

Holly Newman

Secretary, Junior Avon Valley Runners (JAVR)