

# Apollo Swimming Club



**AGM: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

## **Annual Report: Transport**

It has been a fantastic year for transport at the Club!

Through all of our efforts, we've been able to buy a lovely, shiny, brand-new minibus to replace our old one, which had started to look very shabby. So well done to all involved!

Our minibus is massively important to the club. We run two swimming sessions a week in Yeovil and Sherborne, sailing at Sutton Bingham in summer plus a number of runs to galas and other outings throughout the year. Many of our members do not have their own transport and some have mobility problems that means that they simply could not participate in these activities if it wasn't for our minibus.

Here is an interesting fact...

*Last year, we estimate that our minibus covered well over 3,000 miles for over 100 swimming sessions alone. If you add up all of the miles travelled for every single passenger that travelled on the minibus across the year and laid every one of those 700 passenger journeys end-to-end, they would reach from Yeovil to the moon and back over 4 times!*

### **What we like about our new minibus**

- The red and blue seats are comfortable and match the club's colours.
- The seat belts work well.
- It's quieter so that you can hear conversations.
- The reversing camera is fantastic – so helpful when leaving Sherborne pool.
- The passenger lift is quieter and much easier to use, with a helpful light for use when it's dark.

We've had some teething troubles with the new minibus but have mostly sorted them out now. Getting in and out can be a bit of a climb but the passenger lift is very useful to help people that may otherwise struggle. We will probably need to take one seat out permanently and store it somewhere so that people entering from the lift, can easily get through the back row to take a seat. The spare wheel is stored in Jonathan Dixon's garage.

We were all very sad to see the old minibus go. It was sold for £500 to a motor trader just before Christmas, a fortnight before the MOT and insurance was due to expire. The money received will go into Club funds.

## **Our drivers**

We now have 7 regular volunteer drivers and thanks are due to them for continuing to help in this way. They do a great job for us! They are, Simon Rowbottom, Adam Hawkins, John Corner, Mark Ham, Jackie Drake, Colin Vickery and Jonathan Dixon.

In the year, we've tied up the drivers pack in the minibus and tightened up the way that we take details from drivers about their driving licences and history, to comply with our insurer's requirements. Everyone was happy to cooperate and from now on, checks will be made every year and every driver is required to notify any changes in between.

We do need to make sure that our drivers are compliant with the Club's safeguarding policies. We are planning to make sure that all drivers are DBS checked as soon as possible.

***Jonathan Dixon – Trustee for Transport***

***11 February 2019***