

UPPINGHAM FIRST Community Partnership

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The Uppingham Hopper Trial Extension - July 1st 2016 – September 30th 2016

1. Introduction

This brief report is prepared for Uppingham Town Council (UTC). Its purpose is to propose a final financial contribution to the Uppingham Hopper pilot, extending the trial period up to September 30th 2016, thereby facilitating further study of the Hopper's long term viability, social benefit and value for money over a whole year. The report should be read in conjunction with earlier interim reports.

A report exploring the possibility of creating a 'not for profit' Uppingham tourism and transport entity that might offer a permanent Hopper service for the future will be presented to the September Board meeting of Uppingham First. UTC will be consulted about this separately.

2. Statistics Todate

The Hopper trial has now exceeded 5000 passenger journeys. Weekly figures are below. From Week 32, as requested by RCC, voluntary donations toward the cost of establishing a permanent service have been collected. Current total of collections is £570.48. This excludes the sum raised from the community and local businesses by former Town Mayor Cllr David Ainslie at his Mayor's Charity Ball. Bus mileage todate has exceeded 500 kilometres per week. As the bus is aging rapidly(mechanically), RCC has agreed to loan a school bus for five weeks of the proposed final trial period but has also indicated it is unable to contribute toward the ongoing operator costs.

Week	Number of Passenger Journeys in Week	Total Passenger Journeys
Week 1	126	126
Week 2	157	283
Week 3 (2.5 days - Friday with back up bus)	77	360
Week 4	150	510
Week 5 (four days only)	128	638
Week 6	156	794
Week 7 (2 days only - faulty fuel pump)	44	838
Week 8 (four days only – faulty fuel pump)	113	951
Week 9	159	1110
Week 9 - Christmas in Uppingham (5pm -9pm) *	12	1122
Week 9 - Small Business Saturday (9am -4pm) *	16	1138
Week 10 - Age UK Christmas Party (2 hours) *	20	1158
Week 10	155	1313
Week 11	145	1458
Week 12 (4 days up to Xmas Eve)	76	1534
Week 13 (First of 2016)	134	1668
Week 14	157	1825
Week 15 (3.5 days)	85	1905
Week 16 (4.5 days)	124	2029
Week 17 (3 days)	74	2103
Week 18	142	2245
Week 19 (four days)	162	2407

Week 20 (3 days)	91	2498
Week 21 (2.5 days)	62	2560
Week 22	162	2722
Week 23	185	2907
Weeks 24/25 (five days)	170	3077
Week 26 (five days + cinema)	148 +8	3233
Week 27	146	3379
Week 28	177	3556
Week 29	193	3749
Week 30 (2 days only)	90	3839
Week 31 (Off road for new fuel pump)		

Donations

	Classic Car Evening	96.00	
Week 32	152	84.25	3991
Week 32 Uppingham Brownies to Oakham	10		4001
Week 33	142	54.00	4143
Week 34	193	78.75	4336
Week 35 (3 days)	101	39.85	4437
Week 36 (3 days)	101	19.96	4538
Week 37 (4 days)	120	17.90	4658
	Additional donations	48.94	
Week 38	203	81.70	4861
Week 39 (4.5 days)	138	49.10	4999
Week 40 (3.5 days)	111	£49.55	5110

3. Cost of Final Phase of Trial

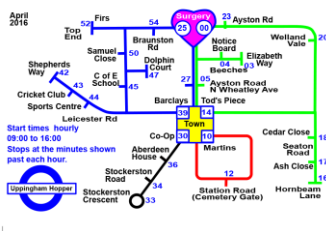
The bus fuel bill averages around £ 450.00 per month and insurance for a final three month period has cost £221.97, a very competitive price from Zurich Insurance. Total cost of the final stage of the trial, including bus cleaning and testing costs, is therefore estimated to be around £1700.

4. Proposal

UTC is invited to consider a final grant for the Uppingham Hopper trial of £1000 to ensure its operation until September 30th 2016.

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