

### **East Cornwall Community Transport Project.**

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we will be launching a pilot Community Transport project in East Cornwall that is an unprecedented joint venture between Saltash Red Bus, Go Cornwall Bus and Cornwall Council.

Following changes to the Local Bus network in September 2022, it has become apparent that although some villages in East Cornwall did not require a daily local bus service, there is still a need, albeit on a reduced level, for some form of public transport that residents can access to enable them to attend appointments, go shopping and make socially necessary journeys.

In light of that, we have worked closely with Saltash Red Bus and Go Cornwall Bus to introduce a handful of new bus journeys that will be operate as a Local Bus Service and are focussed on the villages that have recently lost a bus service or have not had one in recent years and there are some new connection opportunities available as well.

**Route 450** Saltash Daily Town Service from Saltash Railway Station

**Route 451** Mondays Merrymeet – St Germans Station – Saltash Fore St

**Route 452** Tuesdays Cargreen – Pillaton – Botus – Saltash Fore St

**Route 453** Wednesdays St Ive – Blunts- Tideford Cross – Trematon – Forder – Saltash Fore St

**Route 454** Thursdays Cargreen - Botus – Saltash Fore St

**Route 455** Fridays St Neot – Trago Mills – Dowalls – Liskeard

Saltash Red Bus will be operating these routes Monday to Friday, Go Cornwall Bus have assisted with timetables, registrations and required equipment like ticket machines and Cornwall Council will be assisting with funding through our Community Transport Scheme.

We are starting this project tentatively with some routes only operating once a week so we can understand the uptake and need for this transport before considering increasing any frequencies.

What we would ask is that all residents really get behind these services and use them wherever possible- we would hope that from this starting point we can grow these services and possibly even increase frequencies in future months.

I have attached the timetables to the email as well and would ask that these are shared as far and wide as possible please.

