

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter!

It is hard to believe it has been two years since the maiden voyage of the 'Wheels in motion' bus on 16 January 2010. The ministry has gone from strength to strength, with the numbers of clients increasing so much that we have had to consider a different approach. As with anything, the growing numbers have led to growing challenges, but we have been very aware of God's presence as we have faced trials, and considered new directions for the future. The bus goes out every Thursday evening, currently stopping at only one venue. We have tried making two stops which worked well but unfortunately circumstances have stopped this being possible.



Connor – a regular volunteer at Wheels in Motion



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When we did make two stops it gave us the chance to go to a new area, meet new faces and begin to build up new relationships. Therefore we are in the process of trying finding a second suitable venue. As with the original vision of the ministry, we continue to aim to show love in action by providing practical support to homeless clients and clients with addictions. This is given in the form of soup, rolls, hot drinks, cakes and biscuits. The ultimate goal is to be given the opportunity to share our faith, and signpost clients to Broken Chains, where they will hear the good news of the Gospel.

Connor gets involved!

"At the beginning, I was quite nervous and unsure of what to expect. I had no idea of what I would be doing or what type of people I would be dealing with. These initial feelings of apprehension were soon to be proven unnecessary as the people of the bus were all welcoming, grateful, friendly and polite...just generally nice people! As I got to know everyone and became friendly with everyone I started to feel much more comfortable with the whole experience and began to enjoy and appreciate the service which the bus provides. As the weeks passed, I was soon to realise that some weeks were more 'dramatic' than others with visits from the local plod. I chose to start volunteering on the bus with a view to obtaining my bronze Duke of Edinburgh. This has been a great success and I have achieved my award however as my time on the bus has been so enjoyable, I plan to continue providing assistance whenever possible and would strongly encourage others to do the same!"

Building up relationships and trust is a vital part of our ministry

To the right you can see some of our volunteers with two regular clients, Charlie and James.

James described his experience by saying;

"I went to the bus every week. I always felt very welcome and it helped to go and talk to people."

In the past few months we have made an effort to take a note of the birthdays of regular clients

We celebrate by giving them a small gift and a birthday cake. I can't express the impact these small gestures have – to see grown men and women react with such emotion over what we would regularly take for granted. It is very humbling and allows us to see the positive affect that showing basic love can have.

Damien, our youngest volunteer shares his thoughts

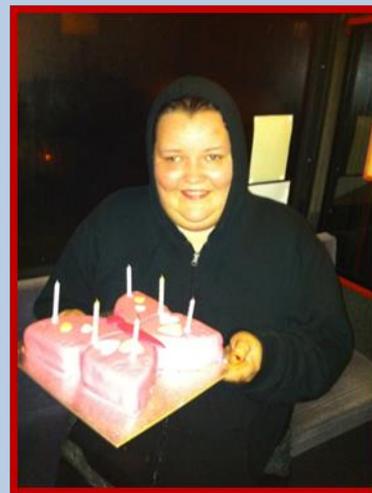
"The bus was smart and Suzanne is cool"
"Helping on the bus made me happy because it makes other people happy"
"James needed me to help him and sometime he might help me too"
"Cleaning the bus was the best bit"
"I really liked meeting Suzanne's mum and dad"

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in"

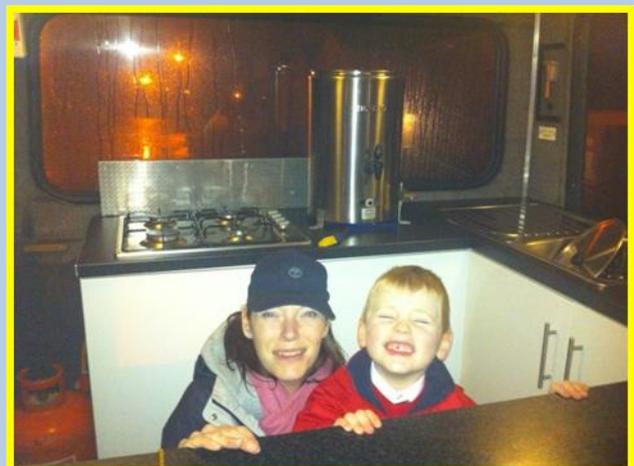
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John, James, Jim, Charlie and Fraser



Donna enjoying her birthday at Wheels in motion



Yvonne and Damien lending a helping hand in the kitchen

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A special thank you to everyone for making this ministry what it is today

Dodds of Troon

For constant support and help in maintaining the practical elements of the bus.

Greggs the Bakers

For provision of cakes on a weekly basis, which are a huge hit with the clients.

Regular supporters

All the many people who support wheels in motion financially, prayerfully and with practical food supplies.

Volunteers

The volunteers that give up their time to support Wheels in motion are invaluable – their smiles, conversations and practical skills are put to good use and are appreciated by everyone involved.

Jim and Elspeth Holden (AKA Mum and Dad to me and now many of the clients!)

They are the crux of this ministry, supporting, planning and implementing behind the scenes, ensuring Wheels in motion is as effective as possible. Without them the Charity would not be able to run, and I personally want to thank them for all that they do.

Suzanne Holden

Chairperson



Andrew, Siobhan, Julie and James

These are some of our longest serving clients, attending the bus since the ministry launched.



Corine from the Netherlands

Wheels in motion has been supported by a vast number of people, some of these as far travelled as Germany, Netherlands, Canada and New Zealand!

Prayer requests

Continued guidance and provision for the future

Safety for both volunteers and clients

Progress for clients, both practically and spiritually

