

## Welcome to the LAMA Drivers!

Thank you very much for being a volunteer LAMA driver. Your commitment makes a big difference to the lives of many people in and around Lerryn and Lostwithiel. Most drivers like to take the bus out at least once a month, just to 'keep their hand in', but not everyone can spare this amount of time. Whatever your level of involvement, please know that it is truly appreciated.

The Lerryn Area Minibus Association (LAMA) is registered as a mutual society with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is also a member of the Community Transport Association (CTA). It is owned and controlled by its members for the benefit of the community. With charitable status, LAMA is managed by an elected committee and is supported by a team of enthusiastic fundraisers. Nobody gets paid and everybody works hard, but the success of our minibus hinges on the availability of willing, able and caring drivers.

LAMA provides free Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training for all its regular drivers. After initial training, there is a short refresher course every 4 years. This training will familiarise you with the specific issues and responsibilities of driving a large vehicle and also explain how you might deal with the particular needs of our passengers.

In order to help safeguard our passengers and meet community funding necessities, LAMA drivers must disclose their criminal record through a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Having a criminal record is not a bar to being a volunteer driver, but the implications of each conviction will need to be carefully considered. The DBS process will be managed by the LAMA Secretary in co-

operation with Age UK and the process is described more fully in a separate leaflet.

This leaflet pack aims to cover all the important things that you will need to know as a volunteer LAMA driver. However, if you have any questions, please do speak to any member of the committee (the booking clerk on 01208 811175 will provide contact details if you don't already have them). The pack will be reviewed periodically and the latest copy will be available on the LAMA webpage on [Lerryn.net](http://Lerryn.net).

If there is anything at all you are unsure about, just call 01208 811175.