THE SHOPPERBUS REPLACEMENT.

THE VERY GOOD NEWS is that we have just “signed-off” on an arrangement with the Uffington Baulking and Woolstone community bus association (UBW) that means we can run an exclusive Ashbury parish to Swindon service without exceeding our intended budget – i.e. the increase in the annual precept will be limited to that previously forecast, in part because OCC have offered the potential of start-up grant funding.

**We still need volunteer drivers and driver assistants** to reach our minimum target of five of each in order to ensure a maximum demand of 1-trip per month per volunteer driver and assistant. For more information on driver duties and required documentation, please contact either Peter Cowx (710251) or James Reade (710 208).

We would also encourage all **existing shopper bus users and anyone of any age or mobility** who would like to use the Ashbury - UBW community bus to contact Peter or James to request a “sign-up” sheet to ensure that your access to thus new fully accessible service can commence immediately the new service commences on 3rd April. Existing bus pass holders will be able to use their bus pass. Anyone without a bus pas can use the bus for a standard fare of 5,80 pounds for a return trip. Please deliver to or contact Peter or James to collect your filled out sign-up sheet. We will also need to take a photocopy of your bus pass.

**Driver / assistant meeting:** A short meeting will be held for drivers / assistants at 10:00am on Tuesday 11th Feb and again at 10:00am on Thursday 13th Feb at James Reade’s house to accept filled out driver forms and to explain in more details the driver / assistants duties.