



December 6th 2021

REPORT FOR DIDCOT TOWN COUNCIL 2021

Didcot Volunteer Drivers are very grateful for the funding granted by Didcot Town Council this year.

We have used £1016 to pay for the rent of our office and one afternoon's rent for a meeting.

Each month we have paid £50.45 for our telephone and internet costs.

The total amount spent so far is £1570.95

The money remaining, £98.30, will be spent on Talktalk costs for the next two months.

We have publicised our financial support from Didcot Town Council on letters and in an article in the local press, Didcot Herald, in March 2021

The receipts from Didcot Methodist Church are attached along with an online invoice from Talktalk for one month (we pay the same amount each month) and a copy of the article in the press.

All Didcot Volunteer Drivers and our 400+ clients in Didcot and the surrounding villages are really appreciative of Didcot Town Council's commitment to support our small local transport charity.

A thousand thanks from us all.

On behalf of Didcot Volunteer Drivers,

Margaret A Abbott.

Didcot Volunteer Drivers

Didcot Volunteer Drivers is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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Didcot Volunteer Drivers are financially supported by Clients, Oxfordshire County Council & Didcot Town Council

We'd like to reassure you that we're here to help. Our chat experts are available seven days a week and are working hard to respond to all queries, especially those from our

Help and support

continue to prioritise. Openreach is installing emergency measures entering customers' homes where possible. Thank

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Bills and payments

Account number:

1008144493

Phone number:

01235816709

Broadband & Calls

Account balance

£50.45

Latest bill:

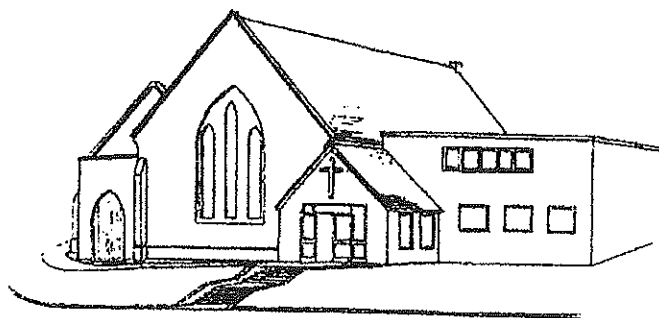
£50.45

Due on:

23 Feb

Payment method:

Direct Debit



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20th January 2021

INVOICE No DV2021-01

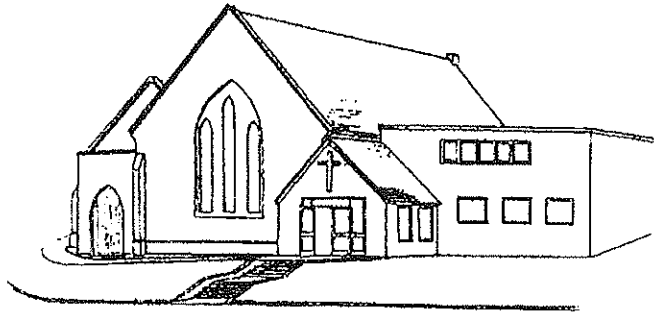
Booking	Total
Use of small room for 2021 at agreed rate	
One year's hire	£1,000
TOTAL to pay	£1,000

Payment must be made **before** use of the accommodation begins or within 10 days of the date of this invoice, whichever is sooner. We reserve the right to levy an additional charge of 10% of the amount due for each week that payment is not received.

Cheques should be made payable to "Didcot Methodist Church". Please write the invoice number on the back of the cheque. *Do not leave cash at the church.*

Online payments may be made to HSBC Bank, Account name: Didcot Methodist Church, Sort code: 40-38-04, Account number: 04155408

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Worship and prayer; service in and with the community.



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20th September 2021

INVOICE No DV2021-02

Booking	Total
Use of lounge on 27th September 2021 14:00 – 16:00	£16.00
2 hours at £8 per hour	

TOTAL to pay	£16.00
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Payment must be made **before** use of the accommodation begins or within 10 days of the date of this invoice, whichever is sooner. We reserve the right to levy an additional charge of 10% of the amount due for each week that payment is not received.

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DIDCOT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Payment Voucher

Supplier..... DIDCOT METHODIST CHURCH

Inv No DV 2021-01 Amount..... 1000

Goods/Services received and approved for payment

Signature..... [Signature] Date..... 11/2/21

Paid by Cheque no..... 100057 Date..... 12/2/21

Initials of Authorised Signatory 1..... [Initials] Date..... 12/2/21

2..... [Initials] Date..... 16/2/21

Checked by Chairman..... [Signature] Date..... 20/2/21

TRANSPORTATION: Group seeking out more volunteers

Didcot Volunteer Drivers with a client

Grant keeps driving service on the road

Rebecca Whittaker

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A DRIVING service to help elderly people has been given more than £1,600 after assisting people every day of the pandemic.

Didcot Volunteer Drivers, which was previously known as Didcot Volunteer Centre until February 2020, has been given a grant of £1,669.25 by Didcot Town Council.

The group started in 1987 and for 20 years it has been giving Didcot residents an affordable transport service. The group helps people get to their appointments, go shopping and pick up prescriptions.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take people to appointments, straight from their door and back again.

Didcot Volunteer Drivers also serves villages around the town, to help those who are isolated from regular transport links.

Now the service has more than 500 clients on its books and it is in need of more volunteers.

About a third of the clients are over the age of 80 and the new grant money will help provide a better service.

Chair of Didcot Volunteers Margaret Abbott said: "We have to prioritise medical transport because we have so few volunteers. It has been a vital service during the pandemic, but it has always been vital.

"There are a lot of people in Didcot who do not have any relatives who live nearby, who do not have the ability to get on the local transport because they can't walk to the bus stop."

It is personal transport... ideally we would like volunteers who are retired and love driving and also have a sense of humour

The clients contribute towards the service and charge 45p per mile for the round trip.

Ms Abbott said: "It is very affordable because it works out as about half the cost of a one-way drive in a taxi and it is virtually a taxi service because it is personal transport."

The volunteer group has a small office behind Didcot Methodist Church, which rents it to the organisation, and £1,000 of the new grant will go towards paying for the office for one year;

The rest of the money will help cover the cost of the internet and telephone bills.

Ms Abbott is calling on more volunteers, but specifically more drivers and a new chair:

She is stepping down in 2022, after working at the volunteer service for more than 10 years.

Ms Abbott said: "Ideally, we would like volunteers who are retired and love driving and also have a sense of humour."

For more information about volunteering visit www.didcot-volunteerdriers.org.uk