



## PRESS RELEASE

### Cuckmere Buses has new Trustee/Director

Cuckmere Buses is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Trustee/Director to the Board. Paul Warren, a chartered accountant, has a background in events and entertainment management and will be replacing Stewart Fuller as FD who is standing down after 7 years in the role. Philip Ayers, Managing Director, says "Paul is well placed to bring a diverse range of commercial skills to Cuckmere Buses as we continue to grow, and recover from the impact of the pandemic. His knowledge, experience, and willingness to support our charity makes him an ideal addition to the team and we are pleased to welcome him to the Board. Although standing down as FD, Stewart will be staying on the Board for continuity and we place on record our grateful thanks to him for guiding us through the difficult financial situation caused by the Covid pandemic". Paul says, "I'm pleased to be able to help such a worthwhile cause; I'm looking forward to taking over as FD and helping the local communities by supporting and growing the awareness of Cuckmere Buses."

Based in Berwick, the company is an independent charity run entirely by trained volunteers, operating a small fleet of 16-seater minibuses. It was launched in 1976 to supplement existing bus services and provide links to towns throughout the Cuckmere Valley area. Full details and its timetables are available on its website [cuckmerebuses.org.uk](http://cuckmerebuses.org.uk). Concessionary passes along with cash and contactless are accepted on all timetabled routes.

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## Note for editors:

- Cuckmere Buses, the trading name for Cuckmere Community Bus (CCB), is an independent charity run entirely by trained volunteers. It was launched in 1976 to supplement existing bus services and provide bus links for village residents to their nearest towns throughout the Cuckmere Valley area
- based in Berwick, East Sussex, CCB has around 40 volunteer drivers and 8 additional volunteers who run its fleet of low-floor minibuses, providing an important link with shops, doctors' surgeries, and social facilities for those who do not live on a main bus route, as well as operating leisure services through the South Downs National Park
- timetabled bus services are operated 7 days a week, 363 days a year, including New Year's Day and Bank Holidays, but not Christmas Day and Boxing Day. They also operate Private Hire and Special Event services
- CCB is a busy voluntary organisation and always needs new volunteers. They attend the Hailsham Farmers Market every second Saturday morning of each month, where potential drivers can try driving a bus and talk to an existing volunteer
- in a 'normal' year, the company undertakes around 85,000 passenger journeys and the buses travel some 125,000 miles
- CCB has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups, which is awarded for outstanding work undertaken in their local communities
- CCB has also been awarded the Community Transport Association's prestigious Quality Mark confirming that they are operating within the relevant legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector

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