**Survey to Assess Requirement For Possible Bus Service**

**between Garvald/Morham and Haddington**

Please answer questions with 1 being unlikely and 5 being likely

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| Q1. | How likely are you to use the service | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Q2. | How likely are you to use the service for shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Q3. | How likely are you to use the service for doctors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Q4. | How likely are you to use the service for onward travel | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Q5. | How likely are you to use the service for Leisure facilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| Q6. | How likely are you to use the service for social reasons | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

How did you access these services before?

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| Q7. | Shopping facilities | Car self drive | Car Family member | Taxi | Never | other |

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| Q8. | Doctors/medical facilities | Car self drive | Car Family member | Taxi | Never | other |

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| Q9. | Onward Travel facilities | Car self drive | Car Family member | Taxi | Never | other |

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| Q10. | Leisure facilities | Car self drive | Car Family member | Taxi | Never | other |

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| Q11. | Please provide us with further information including what days you would use the service, suggestions on route, pick up points etc: |

**Please return survey by Friday 16 September 2016 to Penny Short, Zephyr’s, Nunraw Barns, Garvald, EH41 4LW, zephyr@gmccbroadband.org or hand in to the Garvald Inn**

**Possible Bus Service between**

**Garvald/Morham and Haddington**

An exciting possibility has arisen to run a bus service to and from Garvald and Morham to Haddington/Gifford/Humbie and your comments and thoughts on this possible bus service would be gratefully received.

East Lothian Council has secured funding from Transport Scotland for one year to allow the trial of a community bus service within the Humbie area. The aim of this project is to provide public transport integration and accessibility for rural communities within East Lothian. The hope is that the project will show sufficient passenger usage to continue the service past the initial project year. The results of this survey being carried out on the residents of Garvald and Morham will be used to determine whether this service could be extended to our villages and so I would urge everyone with an opinion on local community transport and sustainable travel to take part.

The initial service for Humbie is due to start in August and continue for three months, during which a consultation/survey would be done to determine whether any changes would be beneficial. If there is enough interest from our residents gauged from this survey then the service will be extended to Garvald and Morham.

The service would be run using a 16 seat minibus with wheelchair capability. The council is exploring the use of a booking system to confirm usage with the contractor, and allow passengers who have mobility problems to be picked up from their home.

So please, think about whether you could or would use such a service. Living in a rural area with no public transport, we have all got used to having to rely on our cars as there has been no other option but perhaps we could make use of public transport? Would you consider using community transport to Haddington to access doctor/hospital appointments, leisure facilities/library, shopping, eating out, visiting friends/relatives, social activities, to interchange with other transport links etc? We need to consider the current and future needs of our residents – as some get older and perhaps less confident in driving a bus service could be a great link to the wider area and it would allow our young people more independence too.

Of course there is no need to run a bus service if no one would use it but that’s why we need to fill out the survey – to find out. So please share your thoughts and opinions on this subject – it may be the only chance we get to comment on community transport!

Penny Short

Chair of Garvald and Morham Community Council