



# Chat for Chatterbus

## Chatterbus Needs Your Help

We are asking you to lend us a hand to raise funds by running a Chat for Chatterbus event. By inviting a few friends round for a cup of coffee, with little effort you could easily raise £200 or more.

Here's how it works. If you invite four friends, each donates £10 and they in turn each invite four of their friends to another event, you will have been responsible for raising £200 towards the running of the bus as well as setting up a chain of enjoyable get-togethers. Simple!

All you need to do is:

- Invite a few people who you think would be happy to support such a good local cause, and give them tea, coffee, drinks, or whatever you like.
- Contact Jane for standing order and gift aid forms and information about the Chatterbus service.
- Provide a box for donations together with our forms and information on the day.
- Ask each person to run a Chat for Chatterbus event too.
- Make a list of the names, addresses and emails of those who attended.
- Send the money, forms and list of emails to Friends of Chatterbus, Birch House, Ockham Lane, Cobham KT11 1LS, or contact Jane on 01932 863304, [jane.halliwell@chatterbus.org.uk](mailto:jane.halliwell@chatterbus.org.uk), to arrange collection.

If you would like one of the Chatterbus team to come and talk to your friends please ask.

Please help support this valuable local service. It is a fantastic community asset which was originally funded by very generous sponsors (including Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council, Chelsea Foundation, Cargill and Anchor). However, even the impressive passenger numbers to date - in the first 14 months of operation Chatterbus provided over 17,000 passenger journeys - cannot fully cover the on-going running costs. When the service has settled down, fares are expected to contribute about one-third of the annual operating costs of £75,000, much better than the organisers dared hope for, with a further third coming from our local authorities. But to keep the wheels of Chatterbus turning for those who have come to depend on it, we need support from all parts of our community to raise the additional thousands of pounds needed every year.

**Thank you**