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Why transport?

Why?

- Employment
- Education & training
- Healthcare
- Leisure
- Other services

Who?

- Older people
- Younger people
- Unemployed people
- People on low incomes
- People with disabilities
- Businesses

The buses where I live have been getting worse and worse each year, with more and more cuts. It makes it hard for young people like myself to find a job when we live in a rural area and cannot afford to run a car. It is just not fair.” (*Delilah, bus user*)

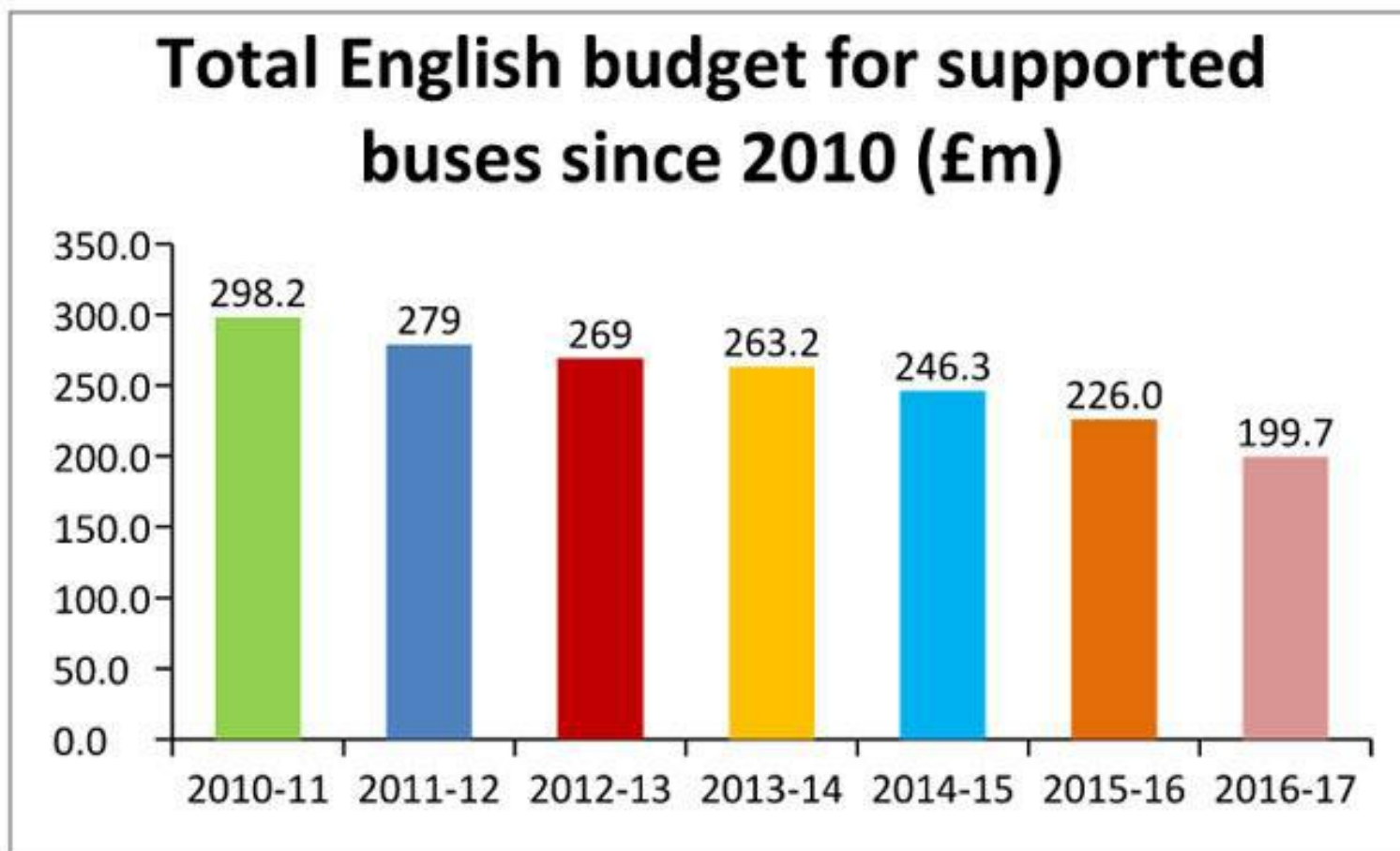
Elderly people who no longer have a car really depend on bus services to maintain their independence. If villages are cut off, as is happening, elderly people will be more and more isolated.” (*John, bus user*)

Why transport?

State of Rural Services Report (2017)

- Declining public & private services
- Local buses and bank branches
- 49% of households in villages have access to a regular bus service
- Affects access to a whole range of other services
- Online service growth
- 50% rural users cannot get to FE college by public transport or walking in a 'reasonable travel time'
- Public health funding £30 per head (rural), £51 per head (urban)

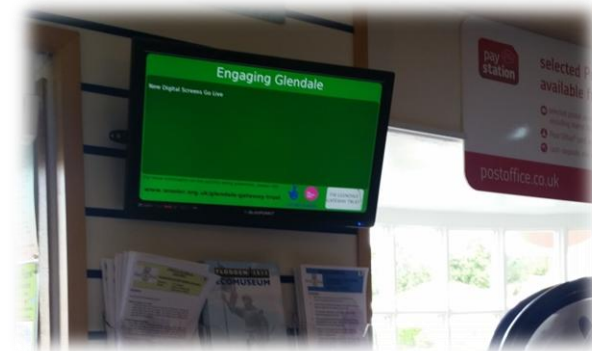
Why transport?



Source: Buses in Crisis 2017, Campaign for Better Transport

Why transport?

- Growth in community provision
- Bus Services Act
- Different solutions
 - build on existing (NEED , Adapt, Watbus)
 - Getabout (currently working with 8 communities)
 - Internet-connected displays





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