



Go North East driver Mark with the Christmas party attendees from Gateshead People and Guidepost

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Drive to help local vulnerable adults celebrate Christmas

In partnership with the Northumbria Police Communities Engagement Team, <u>Go North East</u> transported a group of vulnerable adults from Gateshead to a special festive celebration this December.

Held at Westgate Community College, in Newcastle, the party saw over 100 people – many with learning difficulties, come together from across several local community groups for the first time, to celebrate Christmas.

Partygoers enjoyed games, a buffet and music provided by NE1 FM DJ, Dave Ryan, with Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service cadets also helping with the festivities.

After the evening's entertainment, a private ride aboard a Go North East double deck bus back to Gateshead ensured the night was finished in style.

Stephen King, head of commercial and retail at Go North East, said: "We're proud to support community groups from across the region and wherever possible, play a part in overcoming the barriers associated with getting around.

"It was a pleasure to facilitate safe and comfortable travel for the party guests, and we're delighted that this gesture helped them to have a fantastic evening in the run to Christmas."

Chief Inspector Karl Wilson from Northumbria Police's Central Area Command – Communities, said: "I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Go North East for their assistance in the recent Christmas Party. I attended the party and to see the joy and happiness form everyone who attended brought me true Christmas cheer. The provision of transport meant that groups from across Newcastle and Gateshead could meet for the first time and build up contacts across the region."

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