

Why be a volunteer driver?

It's a way to make a real difference to your local community. It enables the elderly and disabled to remain as independent as possible. It provides much needed companionship and socialization.

You get to meet new people and rise to new challenges. You will make new friendships and be part of a dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

You will contribute towards an adaptable and cost effective scheme.

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 **Volunteer Centre**
Evesham

Community

Transport Scheme



Information Leaflet
for Volunteer Drivers

How it all began

Evesham Volunteer Centre was set up in 1983 to address the many problems associated with rural isolation. Rural areas often have lower access to public transport.

The Community Transport Scheme is an essential part of our work and is accessed by people who have poor access to public transport or unable to use public transport through age or disability. The scheme provides inexpensive transport for those in need and can go a long way to combating levels of isolation.

Why Community Transport?

Without transportation shopping, doctors appointments etc become major life challenges for the elderly and disabled. In rural communities many elderly find themselves isolated without access to activities and services and unable to socialise due to lack of transportation. Community transport schemes such as ours can fill the gaps where public transport is not available and enable older people to stay in their own homes by contributing to their ability to stay independent and provide opportunities for them to attend life enriching destinations.

What's Involved

As a Volunteer Driver you will use your own vehicle to take clients to their appointment, you will be required to wait for them, usually this is for approx 1-2 hours but this needs to be flexible depending on the nature of their appointment.

Transport requests are very varied, we cover hospital appointments, doctors, dentists, opticians, social visits and shopping to name but a few and occasionally long journeys. There is a fare scale depending on the number of miles travelled.

We need more drivers in your town so other elderly and vulnerable people in your town can benefit from part of their wider community.

How Do I Get Started?

Come and meet our Transport Coordinators to find out more.

Expenses

You will be provided with Mileage Claim Forms, the mileage allowance is 45p a mile which you will be paid monthly to cover your expenses. Volunteering is unlikely to affect any benefits that you may be in receipt of but we strongly recommend that you notify the DWP.

The Transport Office is run by Volunteers, it is open from 9.30am-1.00pm. Requests for transport are accepted over the telephone, or clients call in. During the morning the staff will call Volunteer Drivers to allocate jobs and you can do as much or as little driving whichever suits you best. We are more than happy for you to notify us of days you are/aren't available, we are very flexible.