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Volunteer Drivers Needed...



Why Volunteer?

Volunteering is very rewarding and brings many benefits - meeting new people, making friends, keeping you active and... making a real difference in your local community.

Organisations welcome new drivers to help them continue with their important support services.



Who uses community transport?

Volunteer drivers help provide transport to support a range of voluntary and community groups, older, disabled and vulnerable people.

Using community transport helps them maintain independence and the ability to access a variety of services or activities.

What types of journeys will be needed?

You could be driving regular trips or undertaking occasional one-off journeys.

Journeys are varied and can be local or further afield and include doctor or hospital out-patients and visitor appointments, attending clinics or day care centres, undertaking shopping and social or leisure activities.

How much time do I need to give?

You can decide how much time you want to give and how it fits around your own or family commitments. Just an hour or two or a little regular help given as a volunteer driver really can make all the difference.

Will it cost me anything to undertake training or to volunteer?

Being a volunteer should not involve you being out of pocket or having to cover any direct costs.

All volunteers using their own vehicles will be reimbursed via an agreed mileage rate. You may receive some out of pocket expenses or support costs.

Schemes require volunteer drivers to be Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked (similar to the old Criminal Records Bureau) although this will be done for you at no cost.

Any training required and undertaken, such as Minibus Driver Awareness (MIDAS), will also be free to volunteers.

Do I need any qualifications?

There are no specific qualification requirements, however all volunteers must comply with the legal requirements of driving a car and/or minibus.

Do I need to tell my insurance company?

If you are driving your own car you may, dependent upon the insurer, need to inform your insurance company you are using it for volunteering - but they should not normally apply any additional charge.

How do I get involved?

The contact details for local schemes are on the back of this leaflet but you can also contact RCVA to find out more or discuss any volunteering opportunities.



"It's very satisfying to help out and I've met some interesting people and some new friends. Each 'thank you' I get gives me a real good feeling"

Roger, Car Scheme Driver,
Richmond