

Dorset Community Transport Directory 2017

This guide provides details of voluntary car schemes, Dial-a-Rides and other community transport options across Dorset.



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About this Directory

In the following pages you will find details of over 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other community transport initiatives across Dorset.

The Directory is split by Council District, to help locate schemes nearest to you, and are listed in alphabetical order. Do check the listings for neighbouring communities as some schemes service villages across a wide area. Each page provides you with a little information about the scheme, details of which areas the scheme operates in and some contact details for you to make enquiries and to book the transport.

The information listed was correct at the time of compilation but is subject to change. Please contact the scheme or service directly for more information.

If you know of other schemes that operate in Dorset or if you wish to be included in this directory or have an amendment, please contact:

Amanda Evans on 01305 224518

a.j.evans@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Community Transport Information Line

This is a service that enables people to find out if there is a community transport scheme in their area. Telephone **01305 221053** or go to: <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/mylocal>

Important Note:

We are not in a position to recommend a particular organisation, however this directory contains details of a number of independent sector providers of transport you may wish to contact. Dorset County Council are unable to take responsibility for the actions of these providers, their inclusion does not imply any approval or inspection of their work on our part. The charges and level of service vary from organisation to organisation. You may wish to contact more than one scheme to ask about your requirements and their costs before making a decision. Details of other providers may be found in the telephone directory or local press.

Volunteering

Community Transport schemes provide an essential service to people who either cannot use, or do not have access to, conventional forms of public or private transport. Many of these schemes are only in existence thanks to the generosity and support of local volunteers. If you or somebody you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver or organiser, please contact your local scheme to discuss how you might be able to help them.

Thank you.

Hospital Transport

Patients who need to get to and from hospital or their doctor's surgery are expected to make their own way there, whether by public transport or with assistance of relatives, friends or neighbours. In some areas community transport may be an option. If you are unable to get to hospital for your appointment, because of some medical or physical frailty, you may be eligible for the NHS Non Emergency Patient Transport. This transport is provided for **medical reasons only** using the guidelines from the Department of Health. These guidelines are available from the Dorset Patient Transport Bureau web site: www.dorsetptb.co.uk

If you believe as a patient that you might be eligible for free patient transport, or need advice on getting to your hospital appointment, then contact the Dorset Patient Transport Bureau on: **0300 777 5555**

All requests for transport are assessed against the eligibility criteria and patients are assessed for each request as medical conditions change over time. If you are not eligible for patient transport, the bureau will offer advice on alternative methods of public and volunteer transport. The bureau is open Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. For more information visit the website.

The Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme may be able to provide financial help to patients on a low income who are not eligible for hospital transport. Call **0300 330 1343** for further details

Public Transport Information

The following websites may be able to help you plan your journey:

www.travelinesw.com

www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset

www.gettingabout.info

www.nationalrail.co.uk

For telephone help with planning your journey call the following numbers:

Traveline 0871 200 2233

National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50
(textphone 0845 60 50 600)

Contact numbers of public transport providers and timetables of services are available at: **www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/traveldorset**

Dorset County Council public transport team can be contacted on: **01305 224537**

or by email: **dt@dorsetcc.gov.uk**

Index of Community Transport Schemes

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Countywide

Co-Cars Car Club

Number to Join: 0345 345 2544 and via www.co-cars.co.uk

Co-Cars is a Car Club providing access to a vehicle without having to own one. Co-Cars have vehicles in Dorchester, Weymouth and Blandford Forum.

Eligibility: Over 21 years of age with a minimum 1 year's driving licence.

Cost:

Individual or household membership fee of £25.00per annum. Standard usage is £3.80 per hour plus 15p per mile.

Days of operation:

Vehicles are available all year round subject to availability.

Vehicles:

Vehicles are modern and environmentally efficient. A list of vehicles is available on the website.

Areas served:

There are two vehicles in Dorchester, two in Weymouth and one in Blandford. The Club is always looking to expand its pool of vehicles and service.

General Enquiries: 0345 345 2544

Correspondence Address:

Co-Cars Ltd, 46 Majorfield Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon EX3 0ES

Email: drive@co-cars.co.uk

Cars are available to members subject to terms and conditions. Cars can be booked subject to availability online, by smart phone app or over the phone.

CarShare Dorset

CarShare Dorset links drivers and passengers together to share their journey. It can also help to reduce traffic congestion and save you money on fuel. Because of the organisation involved, car-sharing is most appropriate for pre-planned or regular journeys, but can also be used for one-off journeys.

Bookings: You will need to sign up online at www.dorset.liftshare.com. It only takes a few minutes and signing up is free.

Eligibility:

Anyone can use CarShare Dorset. You don't need to have a car—many people are happy to offer lifts in exchange for sharing the fuel costs.

Cost:

We suggest that drivers and passengers share the cost of fuel.

Days of operation:

Because of the organisation involved, car-sharing is most appropriate for pre-planned or regular journeys but you can also search for traveling companions for one-off journeys to anywhere in the country at any time.

Areas served:

CarShare Dorset is part of the Liftshare network, which is available all over the country.

General Enquiries:

Email: travelchoice@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Dorset Community Transport

Booking Number: 01258 287980

Dorset Community Transport (part of ECT charity) is proud to offer safe, reliable, affordable, friendly transport to a wide range of community organisations. As a charity and social enterprise, we aim to combine business thinking with social values to deliver the highest quality transport services that provide the greatest social benefit for the communities we serve.

Eligibility:

Any not-for-profit community or voluntary group.

Cost:

No registration fee. Trips priced according to time and distance (starting from £75 per minibus for a local same-day return trip).

Days of operation:

We are able to consider requests for trips anytime 7 days a week all year round. Limited availability on schooldays approx. 7-9am & 2-4pm. Advance booking required.

Vehicles:

Fleet of DCT minibuses (maximum 16-seat) including several wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

All areas throughout Dorset. We are also able to consider requests for day trips to destinations outside the county.

General Enquiries:

01258 287 980 (9.30am to 2.30pm Mon-Fri)

Contact Name: The Operations Team based at our Blandford offices

Address: Unit 25e Sunrise Business Park, Higher Shaftesbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 8ST

Email: dorset@ectcharity.co.uk

Groups need to be registered initially. All vehicles provided with a uniformed DCT driver (MiDAS & first-aid trained, CRB/DBS-cleared, licensed/insured).

PlusBus (Dorset Community Transport)

Booking Number: 01258 287980 (9.30am to 2.30pm Mon-Fri)

PlusBus offers a weekday trip across Dorset from neighbouring villages to local destination towns, arriving approximately 10am and departing approximately 1pm. Where possible, a “door-to-door” service is offered and passengers travelling in wheelchairs can also be accommodated.

Eligibility:

Anyone unable to easily access public transport: young or old and including those with mobility difficulties.

Cost:

Most PlusBus services offer a fixed return fare of £5. The National Bus Pass is not currently accepted.

Days of operation:

Weekly services. Day of week depends on the area served—please phone for details.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Many areas throughout Dorset. Please phone to find out what is available in your area.

General Enquiries:

01258 287980 (9.30am to 2.30pm Mon-Fri)

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Email: dorset@ectcharity.co.uk

Once registered, trips can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but no later than 2.30pm the previous working day.

Bournemouth

Sedcat (South East Dorset Accessible Transport) The BAT Bus

Booking Number: 01202 399700

A door-to-door morning shopping service to the Sovereign Centre in Boscombe and the Castlepoint Shopping Centre (extra destinations TBA). A programme of full day and afternoon outings is available to members. We also run a fortnightly service to Winton stopping off at Waitrose and Iceland and a monthly service to Wimborne, stopping off at Waitrose and/or town centre.

Eligibility:

The elderly or those with a physical or sensory disability who are no longer able to use public transport.

Cost:

Annual membership fee £10. Morning shopping trip £5 return. Afternoon outing £5.50.
Full day outing £9.

Days of operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Vehicles:

Two 16 seater vehicles, wheelchair accessible.

Areas served:

Residents living in postcode area BH1—BH11 inclusive.

General Enquiries: 01202 534027 and 598295

Contact name: Sue Leighton

Address: Bournemouth Community Transport, 3-5 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4HN

Register to use this service. Shopmobility is available at the Sovereign Centre and Castlepoint. For more information about this telephone call general enquires.

Bournemouth Community Transport Volunteer Social Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01202 309433 (Booking line open Monday—Friday 9am to 1pm)

This Social Car Scheme is a community run service to help residents in Bournemouth access essential services.

Journeys for hospital appointments are not covered by this scheme.

Eligibility:

The elderly or those with a physical or sensory disability who are no longer able to use public transport.

Cost:

Annual membership fee £10, 55pence per mile (£4 minimum charge). Mileage starts and finishes from the driver's home.

Days of operation:

Weekdays.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Residents living in postcode area BH1—BH11 inclusive.

General Enquiries:

01202 534027 and 598295

Contact name:

Sue Leighton.

Address: Bournemouth Community Transport, 3-5 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4HN

Register to use this service. Mileage starts and finishes from driver's home. Where possible 48 hours notice is required to book a car.

Christchurch

Age Concern Christchurch

Booking Number: 01202 488311 (office)

Door to door minibus service for Age Concern Christchurch Friendship Centres, shopping trips to Sainsbury's at Somerford and Tesco at Iford. Also periodic day trips and private bookings depending on availability.

Eligibility: People over the age of 60 living in the Christchurch area.

Cost:

£4.50 for each return trip to Age Concern Christchurch Friendship Centre. Shopping trips £5 for a return trip. Private bookings depend on distance. Outings price depends on venue. Ask office for a quote.

Days of operation:

Monday pm—Somerford Friendship Centre.

Tuesday pm—Christchurch Friendship Centre.

Wednesday pm—St Catherine's Hill Friendship Centre.

Thursday—Sainsbury shopping trips from Highcliffe area.

Friday am—Sainsbury shopping trips from Mudeford and Burton areas.

Friday pm—Portfield Hall Friendship Centre.

Vehicles: 16 seat minibus with tailgate lift to assist people with wheelchairs.

Areas served: Christchurch area.

General Enquiries: 01202 488311

Contact Name: Lorraine Purdue office manager, Derek Sherrington transport manager (07926 194924).

Office open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—10am to 1pm.

Address: Age Concern Christchurch Druitt Hall, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AB.

Website: www.ageconcernChristchurch.org.uk Click on transport.

No need to register for this service.

Christchurch Community Partnership Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01202 989632

Christchurch Dial-a-Bus offers a specially adapted bus, trained staff and a door to door bus service to take you shopping and on excursions in and around Dorset and Hampshire.

Normally, shopping trips are on Thursdays and Fridays to Sainsbury's at Purewell. They must be booked by 5pm on a Tuesday. Excursions are generally scheduled during warmer months of the year, and information on the current schedule can be obtained by phoning 01202 989632. The bus is also available on loan to local groups—for more information telephone Dave on 01202 042451 or 07825 199000

Eligibility:

The service is open to anyone, of any age, who finds it difficult to use public transport or is disabled, or mobility impaired.

Cost:

The suggested donation for shopping trips is £5. Excursions cost more depending on the distance travelled. Copies of an explanatory leaflet can be obtained from the Christchurch Information Centre and local libraries.

Days of operation:

Thursdays - East Christchurch.

Fridays - West Christchurch and Burton.

Vehicles: 17 seater minibus , wheelchair accessible, low floor and ramp.

Areas served: East Christchurch (Walkford, Highcliffe, Hobourne, Friars Cliff, Mundeford, Stanpit, Purewell, Somerford). West Christchurch (Hurn, St. Catherine's Hill, Fairmile, Jumpers, Kings Avenue Burton, Winton) and Southbourne.

General Enquiries: 01202 989632

Contact Name: Rod Darrington

Email: rodney.darrington@btinternet.com

Register to use this service and book at least two days before travel. Other shopping and excursion requests in the Christchurch, Hampshire and surrounding area will be considered.

Christchurch NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 989632

Door to door transport for attending doctors, dentists, hospitals and any other health related appointments.

Eligibility:

For people who have difficulty in walking or difficulty in accessing public transport.

Cost:

£0.50 per mile plus £1 for admin costs.

Days of operation:

Weekdays only.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Rollators can be carried but no wheelchairs unless the passenger is accompanied by a companion who can lift the wheelchair in and out of the vehicle.

Areas served:

Residents in BH23 postcode area (Christchurch and Burton).

General Enquiries:

01202 989632

Contact Name:

Christchurch Community Partnership. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12 pm.

To register to use this service telephone the booking number. Two working days notice is required.

Highcliffe Friends in Need

Booking Number: 01425 279328 (in the first instance)

Voluntary car scheme for medical and dental appointments only.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has transport difficulties.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Normally Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Only wheelchairs that can be folded or can fit into a back seat can be carried.

Areas served:

Highcliffe and Mundeford only.

General Enquiries:

01245 279328

Contact Name:

Mrs C Belbin

Contact between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm Monday to Friday. Where possible 48 hours notice required for booking.

East Dorset

Age UK (Ferndown & District)

Booking Number: 01202 875942

Community Bus for transport to Social Day Centre.

Eligibility:

Clients of Social Day Centres only.

Cost:

Free of Charge.

Days of operation:

Monday and Thursday

Vehicles:

15 seater minibus with tail-lift, low floor/step and ramp.

Areas served:

Ferndown & district, West Moors, St. Leonards, St. Ives

General Enquiries:

01202 875942

Contact Name:

Mrs Audrey Gaskell

Address:

Age UK Ferndown & District, c/o 6 Robinswood Drive, Ferndown, BH22 9RZ

Register to use this service

Chase Community Friends

Booking Number: 01258 841321

Dial-a-Ride service for access to doctors, hospital, dentists and opticians.

Eligibility:

Mobility impaired and or the elderly.

Cost:

Donation (suggested level 60p per mile whilst client is in the car. Thus no payment for getting from and to drivers home).

Days of operation:

Anytime if a driver is available,

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Fold up wheelchairs only.

Areas served:

Cranborne Chase area (Tollard Royal, Farnham (Dorset), Chettle, the Gussages, Sixpenny Handley, Pentridge, Bowerchalke, Broad Chalke, Long Crichel, Wimborne St Giles, Woodyates and Martin).

General Enquiries:

01258 841321

Organised transport once a month (not August) to social day centre lunch in Sixpenny Handley on the second Friday of the month.

Corfe Mullen Community Aid

Booking Number: 07000 780593

A locally based charity offering, among other services, a voluntary car scheme for medical appointments (including hospitals, doctors, dentist and optician).

Eligibility:

Anyone who is without transport.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Anytime if a driver is available,

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Corfe Mullen only.

General Enquiries:

01202 697998

Contact Name:

Anne Holland

Email:

annelholland@btinternet.com

Cranborne Friends of the Practice

**Booking Number: 01202 822825 for Lake Road Surgery or
01725 517272 for Cranborne Surgery.**

Voluntary car scheme for GP clinics, opticians, dentists and hospital appointments.

Eligibility:

Only available to patients registered at the Lake Road or Cranborne GP practices.

Cost:

50p per mile (minimum charge £5).

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (no time limit specified) Saturday exceptionally by arrangement.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Will accommodate wheelchairs if possible.

Areas served:

Cranborne, Verwood & surrounding villages.

General Enquiries:

01202 813177

Contact Name:

Carl Walker

No need to register to use this service

Ferndown NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 980839

Voluntary car scheme that will take clients to almost anywhere locally they wish to go, including hospital and doctor's appointments.

Eligibility:

Over 55s and mobility impaired.

Cost:

Donation (around £15 for local hospital journey).

Days of operation:

Anytime (we have volunteers who can cover all times and days).

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Folding walking aids only.

Areas served:

All Ferndown area.

General Enquiries:

01202 980839

Contact Name:

Mrs Joyce Little

Email:

John.little@talktalk.net

Holt Area Neighbourcare

Booking Number: 01202 885559 (in the first instance)

Voluntary transport scheme offering transport with friendly local people for medical appointments, shopping, visiting friends etc.

Eligibility:

Anyone who is without transport.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Anytime. We have volunteers who can cover all times and days.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Holt, Horton, Chalbury, Gaunts Common, Hinton Martell.

General Enquiries:

01202 885559

Contact Name:

Ann Korta

Email:

ann.korta@talktalk.net

Must register with the above named first.

Verwood & Area Good Neighbours Scheme

Booking Number: 01202 826764 (booking system will be explained)

Voluntary car scheme for medical appointments and shopping but, subject to availability of drivers, clients can be taken to Church and social events. Visits to within 5 mile radius of Verwood (including Ringwood and Tricketts Cross), plus appointments at Bournemouth, Poole, Salisbury, Blandford and Christchurch hospitals.

Eligibility:

Over 50s who do not have their own means of transport.

Cost:

£5.00 minimum charge

Days of operation:

Normally Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer's own vehicles.

Areas served:

Verwood, Edmonsham, Woodlands and Three Legged Cross.

General Enquiries:

01202 826764

Contact Name:

Mr E Sams

Email:

e.sams122@btinternet.com

Vision Wimborne Dial-a-Ride

Booking Number: 01202 880699

Call Monday to Friday 9.30am—12.30 pm only.

Vision Wimborne is a charity which aims to improve life for people living in Wimborne Minster and surrounding areas by providing door to door transport.

Eligibility:

Anyone with disabilities who finds it difficult to use existing transport and who lives within a 5 mile radius of Wimborne town centre or lives in St Leonards and St Ives.

Cost:

Donation based on mileage (agreed at time of booking).

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday and by special arrangement at weekends and public holidays.

Vehicles:

We can carry one wheelchair passenger and up to 3 other passengers.

Areas served:

Wimborne Minster and surrounding area including Colehill, Holt, Witchampton, Ferndown, West Parley, Merley, Broadstone, St. Leonards and St. Ives.

01202 880699

Contact Name:

Mrs Jenny Coates, Chairman.

No need to register to use this service. Vehicle has sufficient space for a normal electric chair, however, scooters are likely to be too big.

West Moors NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 870941

Voluntary car scheme with priority given to medical appointments. Whenever possible other activities such as shopping, church, visiting relatives in hospital, hairdresser appointments etc. will also be accommodated.

Eligibility:

Senior citizens.

Cost:

Donation, 60p per mile.

Days of operation:

Anytime a driver is available.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

West Moors.

General Enquiries:

01202 870941

Contact Name:

Joan Goodwin

Must register with the above named first. All drivers are Disclosure and Barring checked. We need to have three or four days notice for bookings.

West Parley NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 890173

The West Parley NeighbourCar scheme exists to facilitate the mobility of persons aged 50 or over and living in West Parley who do not have access to transport, or who are unable to use public transport.

Eligibility:

People aged 50 or over who have difficulty using public transport but are able to walk to and from a car using aids if necessary. Wheelchairs and other large non-folding walking aids cannot be carried.

Cost:

Initial registration fee of £5. Voluntary donation of 50p per mile based on return trip, with minimum donation of £2 per trip requested.

Days of operation:

Anytime subject to driver availability. 48 hours notice must be given for all journeys.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

West Parley residents only. Journeys up to 10 miles distant from West Parley.

General Enquiries:

01202 890173

Contact Name:

Clive Butcher

E-mail:

clivegbutcher@gmail.com

All drivers are DBS checked and fully insured.

Wimborne Area NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 849360

Eligibility:

People over 50 not able to use public transport.

Cost:

One-off £5 registration fee and 50p per mile on all journeys.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday. (Saturday or Sunday journeys may be undertaken as long as a driver is available and willing).

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Wimborne, Colehill, Sturminster Marshall, Merley and local villages.

General Enquiries:

01202 849360

Contact Name:

Eric Burton

Email:

ericburton@sky.com

All drivers are DBS checked. Registration can be done by phone and at the same time as a first booking. One week's notice of booking is required as a general rule.

North Dorset

Age Concern Blandford

Booking Number: 01258 458250

Good Friend scheme providing transport to the Pop-in Centre, also offering a befriending service.

Eligibility:

Disabled / mobility impaired, elderly with no access to, or unable to use, public transport.

Cost: £3.25

Days of operation:

Wednesday for Pop-in Centre using a Blandford Hospital bus.

Vehicles:

12 seater minibus with tail-lift, wheelchair access, low floor/step.

Areas served:

Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch, Langton Long and Blandford Town.

General Enquiries:

01258 458250

Contact Name:

Miss Carol Bunagar

Address: Age Concern Blandford, 4 Nightingale Court, Blandford Forum, DT11 7ED

Fax: 01258 458250

Email: ageconcernblandford@talk21.com

Must register to use the service.

Age Concern Gillingham & Shaftesbury

Booking Number: 01747 853966

A voluntary car scheme to take people to medical appointments (hospital, doctor, optician & dentist). Office open for enquiries Wednesday and Thursday mornings only.

Eligibility:

Over 55s

Cost:

50p per mile

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Gillingham, Shaftesbury and surrounding villages.

General Enquiries:

01747 853966

Contact Name:

Thelma Stagg

Sturminster Newton & District Community Cars

Booking Number: 01258 473439

A voluntary car scheme providing transport to hospital appointments and visiting doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection, visits to banks or post office and for education and social activities including hairdressers etc.

Eligibility:

Mobility impaired and or elderly folk with no access to or who are unable to use public transport. Sorry we are unable to accommodate wheelchairs.

Cost:

50p per mile donation.

Days of operation:

As required but subject to driver availability.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Sturminster Newton and the following villages (and those in between): Broad Oak, Child Okeford, Durweston, Fiddleford, Fifehead Magdalen, Fifehead Neville, Fontmell Magna, Hammoon, Hinton St. Mary, Iwerne Minster, Kings Stag, Lydlynch, Manston, Margaret Marsh, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shillingstone, Stalbridge, Stalbridge Weston, Stourton Caundle, Todber, West Orchard.

General Enquiries:

01258 473439

Contact Name:

Mrs Wendy Catley

No need to register for this service. 48 hours or more notice required if possible.

Bus2Go

Booking Number: 01258 837749

Bus2go offers low cost community transport for outings for people living in the villages and around Blandford. Run in association with Dorset Community Transport.

Eligibility:

All ages, everyone welcome.

Cost:

Variable and in some cases subsidised—contact us for details.

Days of operation:

Fortnightly, weekdays or weekends (depending on destinations).

Vehicles:

12—16 seater minibuses with tail-lift, wheelchair/pushchair access, low floor/step.

Areas served:

Blandford town, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch, Winterborne Kingston, Milton Abbas, Milborne St Andrew, Dorchester, Bere Regis and Charlton Marshall.

Outings:

Trips are all different and can include garden centres, gardens, shopping trips to Street, Seaton tramway, museums, Bath and other places of interest.

General Enquiries:

01258 837749

Contact Name:

Margo Kirk

Email: bus2go@btinternet.com

Website: www.bus2godorset.org

No need to register for this service.

Friends of Blandford Community Hospital

Booking Number: 01258 450095

A voluntary car scheme for hospital visiting and appointments, doctors, dentist, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection and shopping and social activities.

Eligibility:

Must be referred by GP within the catchment area and meet the scheme's criteria.

Cost:

Voluntary services financed by charitable monies, therefore donations welcome.

Days of operation:

As required and subject to driver availability.

Vehicles:

1 minibus plus volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Governed by GP surgery

General Enquiries:

01258 450095

Contact Name:

Lisa Deverell

Address:

Blandford Community Hospital, Milldown Road, Blandford forum, Dorset, DT11 0RN

Fax:

01258 394055

Email:

Register—Enquire by telephone during office hours Monday—Friday 10am to 4pm or via GP surgery.

Gillingham Area Voluntary Car Link Scheme

Booking Number: 07599 311443

A Community Scheme offering transport for people who are unable or find it difficult to use public transport. For journeys to and from the doctor, hospital and other medical appointments, hairdressers, shopping trips and social visits.

Eligibility:

A “good neighbour” service for those in need in our local communities who have special need of such facilities because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with young children or those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate public transport facilities.

Cost:

These are met by client donations. A table of “Requested Donations” is provided to clients.

Days of operation:

Normally weekdays but occasionally weekends can be accommodated.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers’ own vehicles.

Areas served:

Gillingham and surrounding villages in the SP8 postcode area of Dorset.

General Enquiries:

Michael Dillon

Email:

mdillon1945@gmail.com

New clients are asked to provide information that will help in the smooth running of the scheme. There is no registration fee.

Hillside Car Scheme

Booking Number: 07501 344084

Door-to-door service. Provided for all medically related appointments, hospital visiting, shopping and social activities. Journeys to airports are not undertaken.

Eligibility:

Anyone within our catchment area who for any reason, including impaired mobility, is unable to use or gain access to public transport.

Cost:

A donation of 50 pence per mile is requested from driver's door to driver's door. No charge is made for waiting time. All distances considered.

Days of operation:

Any time subject to driver availability.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, King's Stag, the hillside parishes of Belchalwell, Fifehead Neville, Ibberton, Mappowder, Woolland and other villages south of Sturminster Newton.

General Enquiries:

07501 344084

Contact Name:

Samantha McArthur

Email:

hillsidecarscheme@gmail.com

All clients must be registered with the Scheme in order to use this service. To book a car, a minimum of 48 hours prior notice is requested. All volunteer drivers are insured and checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service.

Marnhull Village Care

Booking Number: 01258 821476

Voluntary Car Scheme providing transport for medical appointments (and hospital visiting in exceptional circumstances).

Eligibility:

Disabled / mobility impaired, elderly and unemployed for essential trips listed above.

Cost:

Donation to cover fuel.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Marnhull.

General Enquiries:

01258 821233

Contact Name:

Mrs Jill Kieran.

No need to register for this service. Passengers are asked to make the suggested donation for the journey.

Milton Abbas NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01258 470333 (answerphone)

This is an answerphone so we ask for a minimum of 48 hours notice for transport requests

Voluntary car scheme with priority to medical appointments. Where possible and depending on the availability of drivers, other activities such as lunch clubs will be accommodated.

Eligibility:

Anyone who is infirm or has a disability and is not able to use or does not have access to public transport and has no other means of transport.

Cost:

45p per mile for medical journeys and 50p per mile for non-medical, social journeys. £5 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Weekdays (weekends only in urgent circumstances)

Vehicles: Volunteers' own vehicles

Areas served: The villages of Milton Abbas, Milborne St Andrew, Winterborne Clenston, Winterborne Whitechurch, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Houghton, Winterborne Kingston, Dewlish, Hilton & Ansty, Melcombe Bingham and Cheslbourne.

General Enquiries:

01258 470333 – this is an answerphone but we will return your call as soon as possible

Contact Name:

Nigel Hodder — Co-ordinator

Email: maneighbourcar@talktalk.net

Must register first with the co-ordinator. All drivers are Disclosure and Barring Service checked.

NORDCAT Dial-a-Ride

Booking Number: 01258 473154

North Dorset Community Accessible Transport - providing a door-to-door demand responsive service enabling access to shopping, visiting friends, medical appointments and much more.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has difficulty using public transport and all persons over 60.

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5. Concessionary fares apply, call us for more information on costs.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday plus once a week to larger towns e.g. Poole, Bournemouth, Clarks Centre (Street), Exeter, Salisbury and Dorchester.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

North Dorset towns and villages and other areas in the county.

General Enquiries:

01258 472164

Contact Name: Helen Reed.

Address: Unit 17a Butts Pond Industrial Estate, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1AZ

Fax: 01258 472909

Must register to use the service and book 24 hours in advance between 9am and 4pm. The vehicles are also available for groups to hire such as scouts, clubs, and societies. With or without a driver any day.

There are now 2 wheelchair accessible Berlingo cars available, for people to hire. Enabling them to take a member of the family or a friend who has to stay in a chair out for as little as an hour or as long as a week. Contact details same as NORDCAT.

Shaftesbury Car Link (SCL)

Booking Number: 01747 858648

Shaftesbury Car Link provides transport for passengers who have difficulty accessing public transport, for whatever reason. Medical, shopping and social visits.

Eligibility:

No age limit.

Cost:

Suggested voluntary donation of 50p per mile, based on return trip mileage. The minimum donation is £3 and we require at least 48 hours notice.

Days of operation:

Any time subject to driver availability.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Shaftesbury

General Enquiries:

01747 850439

Contact Name:

Debbie Simmons

Clients need to be registered with SCL before they can use its services. This involves a brief visit by the Co-ordinator to their home address and the completion of a registration form. To help with administration costs, we ask clients to contribute a one-off registration fee of £5.

Poole

Poole Community Transport Service

Booking Number: (for use once registered) 01202 262299 (9.00 am—12.30 pm)

Poole Community Transport Service offers low floor and wheelchair accessible transport, along with door to door services by Dial-a-Bus and the Voluntary Driver scheme. The service is available to Borough of Poole residents who do not have access to a car and are unable to use, or find it difficult to use, public transport.

Journeys for shopping and hospital appointments are not covered by the voluntary driver scheme.

Eligibility:

Any Borough of Poole resident with no access to a car and eligible for the English National Concessionary Travel bus pass.

Membership:

Annual membership applies.

Cost:

£7 annual membership to join the scheme. Dial-a-bus: free of charge. For other trips using volunteers' cars: £4 for the first 5 miles with £1 per mile thereafter.

Days of operation:

Voluntary car scheme seven days a week subject to driver availability.

Dial-a-Bus: Monday to Saturday. (Monday: Asda/Dolphin Centre, Tuesday to Saturday: Sainsburys/Dolphin Centre).

Vehicles:

Fully accessible minibuses (wheelchair, low floor/step, ramp), volunteer drivers' own vehicles. A wheelchair accessible car is also available to hire.

Areas served:

Borough of Poole. No restriction to destination subject to driver availability.

General Enquiries:

01202 262220

Contact name:

Caroline Foy

Address:

Transportation Services
Borough of Poole
Hatchpond Depot Admin Offices
Hatchpond Road
Poole
BH17 7LQ

Email:

caroline.foy@poole.gov.uk

Website:

www.poole.gov.uk

The Community Transport & Travel Co-ordinator will arrange a home visit to confirm eligibility and discuss your transport needs.

Purbeck

Bere Regis NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01929 471255

Door to door service offering transport locally to anyone with transport difficulties to medical appointments, hairdresser, railway stations, shopping etc. Our friendly local volunteers are prepared to wait for up to an hour.

Eligibility:

Available to anyone who qualifies with the criteria listed above.

Cost:

Initially one off registration fee of £5. All journeys 50p per mile.

Days of operation:

Anytime depending on driver availability.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas Covered:

Affpuddle, Almer, Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Briantspuddle, Carey, Cold Harbour (Wareham), Mapperton, Morden, Tolpuddle, Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston.

General Enquiries:

01929 471255

Contact Name:

Brenda House

Register to use this service. There is a home visit for registration. 48 hours notice required for all bookings.

Communicare

Booking Numbers: 01929 423612 / 427576 / 423587 / 761273 / 480932 / 07531 811375 (mobile number)

Voluntary car and befriending service for general shopping, prescription and pension collection, accompanying the frail either walking or in a wheelchair.

Eligibility:

Available to anyone who qualifies with the criteria listed above.

Cost:

40p per mile (min. £2 per journey).

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas Covered:

Swanage, Studland, Langton Matravers, Kingston and Harmans Cross.

General Enquiries:

01929 288092 or 421136.

Contact Name:

Jenny Lazenbury, Director of Communicare.

No need to register for this service. Telephone one of the 6 link numbers to book. Voluntary Car Scheme for hospital visits or compassionate reasons. Befriending service available to accompany the frail or wheelchair users, help with form filling and writing letters, visiting and reading to the elderly, handicapped, housebound and lonely. Sit in to relieve carers and visit the bereaved, hospital liaison when patient returns home, car transport for hospital visits or other compassionate reasons.

Corfe Castle Friends of the Surgery

Booking Number: 01929 481159

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital appointments, doctors, chiropodists and prescription collection. This service cannot be used for visits to opticians, dentists or shopping trips.

Eligibility:

Disabled / mobility impaired, elderly with no access to or unable to use public transport. Patients from Corfe Castle surgery only.

Cost:

Donations.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Corfe, Wareham, Church Knowle, Harmans Cross, and Swanage.

General Enquiries:

01929 481159

Contact name:

Kathy Morris.

No need to register to use this service, but users **must** be registered with Corfe Castle Surgery.

Helping Hands

Booking Number: 01929 556655

Voluntary car scheme providing transport to hospitals, doctors, dentists, opticians and any other medical appointments. Please provide at least 48 hours notice of any appointments.

Eligibility:

Elderly, including mobility impaired with no access to, or unable to use, public transport.

Cost:

Suggested voluntary contribution of 45p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (9am—5pm).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Wareham, Sandford, Carey, Ridge, Corfe Castle, Stoborough, Holton Heath, Nordon, Morden, Slepe, Arne, Church Knowle and East Creech.

General Enquiries:

01929 556655

Contact name:

Mrs Pauline Clarkson.

Register to use this service. Cannot carry wheelchairs. Our drivers do not receive any training on assisting clients in and out of cars, so all our clients must be able to do this for themselves.

Purbeck Assisted Shopping Scheme

Booking Number: 012558 473154

Eligibility:

Elderly

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5.00. Concessionary fares apply.

Days of operation:

Wednesday to Tesco Tower Park

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Morning: Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Upton.

Afternoon: Wareham, Corfe Castle, Wool on alternate Wednesdays.

General Enquiries:

01258 472164

Contact name:

Helen Reed.

Email:

Info@nordcat.org.uk

Register to use this service. Book 24 hours in advance between 9am and 4pm.

Share & Care—Wool & Surrounding Areas

Booking Number: 01929 400627 / 462533

Voluntary car scheme to help the frail or housebound. The scheme offers transport to visit doctors, dentist, opticians, hospital or relatives in hospital, if no other means of getting there are available. We can also collect prescriptions and or deliver medication, as well as helping with small shopping errands.

Eligibility:

Disabled / mobility impaired, elderly, children & young people with no access to or unable to use public transport (children should normally be accompanied).

Cost:

40 pence per drivers' mile, local under 1 mile minimum £1.50 (subject to review).

Days of operation:

Weekdays. 3 or 4 days notice is required.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles. Clients should specify if they use wheelchairs.

Areas served:

Wool and surrounding areas (Bovington, Bovington Camp, Coombe Keynes, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, East Stoke, Winfrith Newburgh, East Knighton and East Burton).

General Enquiries:

01929 462673

Contact Name:

Toni McPherson

No need to register for this service.

Swanage Hopper

Booking Number: 01305 228965

A community run bookable service running on Tuesday to Swanage town centre for shopping and for the Hopper Lunch club in various venues in the Swanage area.

Eligibility:

Those who have difficulty using conventional public transport.

Cost:

£3 return.

Days of operation:

Tuesday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Areas served:

Swanage and surrounding area.

General Enquiries:

Dorset County Council: 01305 228965

POPP Lunch club: 01929 425314

Supported by Dorset County Council and Swanage Area Senior forum. Must register with Dorset County Council to use this service

Upton Friends of the Practice

Booking Number: 01202 622339 (Upton) or 01202 632764 (Lytchett Matravers)

A voluntary car scheme for surgery patients to get to medical appointments only i.e. doctor, dentist or optician.

Eligibility:

Patients of the practice who have no transport and cannot use the regular bus service.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Catchment area of the surgery i.e. Upton and Lytchett Matravers.

General Enquiries:

Via the surgery: 01202 622339 (Upton) or 01202 632764 (Lytchett Matravers)

Contact Name:

Kate Rusling or Val Robbins.

Wareham Hopper

Booking Number: 01258 473154

Dial-a-Ride service for access to shopping, leisure and social activities.

Eligibility:

Elderly with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

£5 — £6 (outer villages) and concessionary fares apply.

Days of operation:

Tuesday — Corfe Castle to Swanage

Wednesday am - Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, outskirts of Upton to Tower Park and Poole

Wednesday pm - Wool, Wareham, Corfe Castle to Tower Park and Poole.

Thursday - All villages to Wareham

Friday - occasional excursions.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Wool, Bovington, Church Knowle, Corfe Castle, Bere Regis, Stoborough, Ridge, Carey, Northmoor, Sandford, Cold Harbour, Stoborough Green, East Stoke, Holton Heath, Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers.

General Enquiries: 01258 472164

Contact Name: Helen Reed

Fax: 01258 472909

Email: info@nordcat.org.uk

Register to use this service. Affiliated to Purbeck Transport Action.

West Dorset

Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service

Booking Number: 01404 46520

Ring and Ride service for transport for shopping, leisure, cultural & social activities.

Eligibility:

Disabled / mobility impaired, elderly and anyone with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

Shopping £5 return / Outing £5.50 return.

Days of operation:

Monday to Thursday (areas vary) plus some Saturday full-day trips.

Vehicles:

15 seater minibus with tail-lift and 13 seater also with tail-lift.

Areas served:

Allington, Askerswell, Beaminster, Bettiscombe, Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Burstock, Burton Bradstock, Catherston Leweston, Charmouth, Chideock, Chilcombe, Drimpton, Hooke, Litton Cheney, Loders, Lyme Regis, Marshwood, Mapperton, Mosterton, Netherbury, North Poorton, Pilsdon, Powerstock, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge, Stanton St Gabriel, Swyre, Symondsburry, Thorncombe, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Wootton Fitzpaine.

General Enquiries:

01404 46520

Contact Name: Mrs J Hopson-Hill

Address: Parish Office, St Paul's Church, High Street, Honiton, EX14 1PE

Email: axevalleyringride@btinternet.com

Register to use this service.

Bopper Bus

Number to Register: 01297 489422

Community Bus to take young people (aged 8– 18 years) to Bridport Leisure Centre.

Eligibility:

Children & young people aged 8—18 years.

Cost:

£2 (reduction for more than 1 child).

Days of operation:

Friday evening.

Vehicles:

24 seater minibus.

Areas served:

Charmouth, Wootton Fitzpaine, Monkton Wyld, Catherston Leweston, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Morcombelake, Ryall, Chideock, Symondsburry, Eype.

General Enquiries:

01297 489422

Contact name:

Kate Gerraty.

Register to use this service. Once registered, reserve your seat at either Charmouth or Chideock Post Office Stores. All volunteers are Disclosure and Barring Service checked and First Aid trained.

Beaminster Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01308 862039

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection and shopping.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available for essential journeys.

Cost:

45p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (9am—5pm).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Melplash, Mosterton, Seaborough, Netherbury, Drimpton, Waytown, Blackdown and Hooke.

General Enquiries:

01308 862039

Contact name:

Mr Mike Bateman.

No need to register for this service.

Bride Valley Car Service

Booking Number: 01308 879695

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists and prescription collection.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

Contribution of 50p per mile. Plus a booking fee of £2.00.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Littlebredy, Long Bredy, Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Swyre, West Bexington, Chilcombe, Burton Bradstock, Shipton Gorge.

General Enquiries:

01308 879695

Contact name:

Lesley Dove

No need to register to use this service. If Lesley Dove cannot be contacted then call Mr Allen on 01308 897511.

Bride Valley Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01305 228965

Door to door wheelchair accessible bus for transport for shopping.

Eligibility:

Elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or access public transport.

Cost:

£3. concessionary passes can be used. Plus £1 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Wednesday into Bridport (except for first Wednesday of the month when clients are taken to Dorchester).

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

The Bride Valley

General Enquiries:

01305 228965

Contact name:

Dorset County Council

Address:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/community-transport

Register to use this service. To join the scheme applications need to be signed by a GP or professional carer.
Book by telephone between 9 am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Bridport & District Good Neighbours Scheme

Booking Number: Good Books—01308 420483

Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday 10 am to 12 noon or leave a message.

A good neighbour service providing help for simple tasks and transport for hospital visiting and appointments, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection, shopping and other essential tasks.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has transport difficulties.

Cost:

Donation to cover expenses of 45p per mile, if possible.

Days of operation:

As required

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Bridport and local surrounding area including Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Chideock, Dottery, Eype, Loders, Morcombelake, Salway Ash, Waytown and West Bay.

General Enquiries:

01308 420483

Contact name:

Jackie Webb or Veronica Smith

No need to register for this service and where possible 48 hours notice required.

Buckland Newton NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 07733 849264

A door to door service. No restriction on use within reason e.g. shopping, visiting a friend or for medical appointments.

Eligibility:

For the elderly, mobility impaired or anyone without transport. N.B. those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost:

50 pence per mile suggested donation. Visits to Cerne Abbas surgery are charged only from patient's door and back. All other journeys to include the driver's mileage door to door.

Days of operation:

Any day subject to driver availability and with 48 hours notice.

Vehicles:

Volunteers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

The parishes of Buckland Newton and Pulham which includes the hamlets of Duntish, Henley, Cosmore, Brockhampton, Bookham and Beaulieu Wood.

General Enquiries:

Contact for more information and to register: 07733 849 264

To enable the scheme to run effectively it is preferable for users to register before their first journey and thereafter to give 48 hours notice when booking.

Chalk Stream Car Service—Sydling St. Nicholas

Booking Number: 01300 341386

We will help those who need to attend medical appointments, dentists, chiropodists, collect prescriptions and recreational trips within reason and at the discretion of the Chalk Stream Car Service.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or who is unable to use public transport.

Cost:

40p per mile, mileage starts and finishes from the driver's home.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Frampton, Sydling St Nicholas, Bradford Peverell, Grimstone, Stratton and Up Sydling.

General Enquiries:

01300 341386

Contact Name:

Catherine Hodgson

Email:

catherinehodgson48@hotmail.com

No need to register to use this service

Crossways Car Link

Booking Number: 01305 853848

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, chiropodists, prescription collection etc.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service or who is unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

50p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Crossways, Owermoigne, Warmwell, Broadmayne and Affpuddle.

General Enquiries:

01305 853848

Contact name:

Mr Bob Light.

No need to register for this service.

Dorchester Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01305 228965

Door to door wheelchair accessible bus for transport for shopping.

Eligibility:

Elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or have no access public transport.

Cost:

From £1.00 single up to £2.50 return (depending on journey) + £1 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Wednesday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

In and around Dorchester, Charminster, Higher Charminster, Charlton Down, Stratton, Bradford Peverell, Broadmayne and Crossways.

General Enquiries:

01305 228965

Contact name:

Dorset County Council

Address:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

Website: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/community-transport

Register to use this service. To join the scheme applications need to be signed by a GP or professional carer.
Book by telephone between 9 am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Dorchester NeighbourCar

Booking Number: Sent to users once they become members.

Eligibility:

Our service is able to offer transport for all health related appointments for those members of our communities who have a disability or are infirm and do not have access to or are unable to use public transport and have no other means of transport.

Cost:

60 pence per mile with a minimum charge of £2.50 plus any car parking charges.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Covering Dorchester and villages within a 5 mile radius of the town centre (not to Bridport).

General Enquiries:

(not bookings): Administrator Joan Hutson Telephone: 01305 269330

Those who wish to use the scheme need to complete a registration form available from the administrator. There is an annual membership fee of £5.00. New members will be sent an information card with the booking number and guidelines for using the service.

Maiden Newton Country Cars

Booking Number: 01300 320969

Voluntary car scheme to connect with bus, coach and rail service and for any other essential trips for which there is no alternative transport, such as doctors, chiropodists, dentists, opticians and hospital.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or who is unable to use public transport.

Cost:

Contribution of 50p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Maiden Newton, Cattistock, Frome St. Quintin, Frome Vauchurch, Chilfrome, Toller Fratrum, Toller Porcorum, Wynford Eagle, West Compton, Compton Valence and Wraxall.

General Enquiries:

01300 320969

Contact name:

Mrs Sally Falkingham

No need to register for this service.

Martinstown NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01305 889410

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for medical trips for which there is no alternative transport, such as doctors, chiropodists, dentists, opticians and hospital appointments.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available.

Cost:

Contribution of 50p per mile. Minimum charge £5

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Martinstown, but may cover Winterborne Steepleton by special arrangement .

General Enquiries:

01305 889410

Contact name:

Dick Corbett-Winder

No need to register for this service.

Netherbury Volunteer Drivers

Booking Number: 01308 488635

Voluntary car scheme providing access to essential services.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available for essential journeys.

Cost:

Free of charge.

Days of operation:

As required (within reason).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Netherbury.

General Enquiries:

01308 488635

Contact name:

Mandy Alford.

No need to register for this service. Book by telephone. 24 hours notice, except in emergencies.

Puddletown NeighbourCar

Booking Number: Users call an 0800 number which is disclosed to them only after registering with the scheme. Registration is available only to patients of the Puddletown Surgery.

Voluntary car scheme for any health related appointments including support groups.

Eligibility:

Anyone who is registered with the Puddletown GP surgery and who is infirm or has a disability and is not able to use or does not have access to public transport, and other people on the advice of the GP Surgery at Puddletown.

Cost:

45p per mile, charges apply from driver's home (and return minimum charge of £1.50). One-off registration fee for new members: £10

Days of operation:

Weekdays (weekends only in emergency and only if a driver is available).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Those villages served by the GP at Puddletown, within a 5 mile radius (Tolpuddle, Tincleton, Milborne St Andrew, Plush, Alton Pancras, Piddlehinton, West Stafford, Athelhampton, Burlston, Dewlish, Cheselbourne, Briantspuddle, Affpuddle, Melcombe Bingham, Piddletrenthide, Ansty and Stinsford).

General Enquiries:

For an application form to join the scheme, please contact: Duncan Miller on 01305 848349

Email:

duncan.miller1@btinternet.com

Must register first using the general enquiries telephone number. All drivers are DBS checked.

SCAT Bus

Booking Number: 01258 473154

Sherborne Community Accessible Transport. Door-to-door demand responsive service in North Dorset, enabling access to shopping, visiting friends, medical appointments and much more.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has difficulty using public transport and all persons over 60.

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5. Concessionary fares apply, contact us for more information on costs.

Days of operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Sherborne and North West Dorset villages.

General Enquiries:

01258 472164

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Address:

NORDCAT, Unit 17a Butts Pond Industrial Estate, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1AZ

Email:

Register to use this service & book 24 hours in advance between 9 am and 4 pm. Buses available for community groups to use at a competitive rate.

Sherborne Good Neighbours

Booking Number: call a link person on 01935 815806, 814490, 815127, 817453.

Good neighbours offers assistance to all, of any age, who would welcome some neighbourly help including transport for shopping and essential trips.

Eligibility:

Anyone of any age within the Sherborne area who needs the help.

Cost:

40p per mile,.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Sherborne and the immediate outlying area.

General Enquiries:

01935 817439

Contact:

Mr David Smith — Chairman

Email:

barsmith@ctlconnect.co.uk

No need to register for this service.

Sherborne Voluntary Ambulance

Booking Number: 01935 873784

Community bus available with driver to hire by local organisations (not individuals) for shopping, leisure, cultural & social activities or for group outings at weekends.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly.

Cost:

80p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required, please call for availability.

Vehicles:

16 seater minibus with tail-lift, wheelchair accessible, low floor/step.

Areas served:

Bradford Abbas, Nether Compton and Sherborne.

General Enquiries:

John Miller— Transport Manager

Register to use this service. Please call and leave a message with your telephone number if no one is available.

South Perrott & Chedington NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01935 891931

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection and shopping.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

South Perrott, Chedington and Mosterton.

General Enquiries:

01935 891931

Contact Name:

Angela Gillingham.

Book by telephone preferably with 24 hours notice.

Sydling Taxi Bus

Booking Number: 01305 228965

Shared taxi service from Sydling St Nicholas to Dorchester with pick-up points along route.
Operated by Dorset County Council

Eligibility:

Available to residents living between Sydling St Nicholas and Dorchester.

Cost:

£3 return fare. Concessionary fare passes are accepted.

Days of operation:

Wednesday. The taxi leaves Sydling St Nicholas at 1000 and returns from Dorchester (bus stop C1 in Trinity Street) at approximately 1300.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Between Sydling St Nicholas and Dorchester.

General Enquiries:

01305 228965

Contact:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

Website: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/community-transport

Book by telephone between 0840 and 1600 Monday to Friday at least 1 hour before journey departure time

Thorncombe Community Cars

Booking Number: 01460 30994

Voluntary car scheme for hospital and doctor appointments and for any other essential trips for which there is no alternative transport.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or who is unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Parish of Thorncombe.

General Enquiries:

01460 30994

Contact Name:

John Higgs

No need to register for this service.

TRIP Community Transport

Booking Number: 01404 46529

Voluntary car service for medical appointments only including doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, hearing tests and hospital appointments.

Eligibility:

Elderly or disabled people, and the rurally isolated of any age.

Cost:

Set charge for local journeys £4.00. Other destinations based on 45p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Weekends considered if driver available.

Vehicles:

Volunteer driver's own vehicles and some are wheelchair accessible. We also have a minibus available for hire with a driver.

Areas served:

Lyme Regis, Charmouth and Uplyme.

General Enquiries:

01404 46529

Email:

volcar@tripcta.org

No need to register for this service.

Yeo Valley Health Transport

Booking Number: 01258 473154

Yeo Valley Health Transport aims to help those from Sherborne, and the surrounding villages, who currently lack reliable and affordable transport to and from their non-emergency health related appointments within Sherborne and the South West. These can include dentists and complimentary medicine clinics and for GP surgeries.

Eligibility:

For people of any age living in Sherborne or the surrounding villages.

Cost:

50p per mile,

Days of operation:

7 days a week, although the phone line is open only from 10am to 4 pm Monday to Friday. Please provide 48—72 hours notice.

Vehicles:

A range of volunteers' own vehicles and one minivan with wheelchair access.

Areas served:

Loosely, clients living in the DT9 postcode. We will take them to health appointments across the South West.

General Enquiries:

For more information or to volunteer for this service please call: 01935 816351

Contact Name:

Sarah Greening

Email:

yeovalleyhealthtransport@gmail.com

No need to register for this service.

Island Community Action (ICA) Community Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01305 823789

Community Car and Minibus Service, providing transport for any occasion for those who need it. Including access to hospital, GP and other medical appointments e.g. dentists and prescription collection. Also shopping, accompanied outings, trips and providing access to social events e.g. coffee mornings, lunch clubs, exercise classes, etc.

Eligibility:

Those in need of transport aged over 50, or disabled, or in poor health.

Cost:

Suggested donations.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (weekends occasionally possible with suitable notice).

Vehicles:

2 cars carrying a maximum of 4 passengers. One disabled friendly, adapted 7-seater minibus with tail lift and space for wheelchair.

Areas served:

Portland and immediate surrounding areas only.

General Enquiries:

01305 823789

Contact Name:

Jackie Carpenter

Email: office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk

No need to register for this service.

Weymouth Community Transport

Booking Number: 01305 783999

A Voluntary Driving Scheme for elderly members of our community, who do not qualify for Hospital Transport or do not have access to their own transport, to attend medical appointments.

Eligibility:

Anyone over 55 and mobility impaired, or referred by a GP or hospital.

Cost:

We charge a yearly registration fee of £5.00 and a suggested donation of 50p per mile (as an example a wait and return trip from Weymouth to Dorchester Hospital would be £12.10).

Days of operation:

Weekdays (Evenings and Weekends if driver available)

Bookings taken only between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 12 noon on Fridays.

Vehicles:

Our volunteers use their own vehicles and we have both male and female DBS checked drivers. Documentation is regularly checked and ID badges are worn.

Areas served:

We cover all areas of Weymouth and Portland, Osmington, Langton Herring and Abbotsbury and travel as far as required e.g. Winterborne, Blandford, Southampton, Poole and Dorchester. Quotes available for longer journeys.

General Enquiries:

01305 783999 (office open 10 am to 2 pm Monday to Thursday and 10 am to 12 noon on Fridays)

Contact Name:

Weymouth Community Transport

Email:

community.transport@wcv.org.uk

Weymouth & Portland Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01305 228965

Door to door wheelchair accessible bus for transport for shopping.

Eligibility:

Elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or have no access to public transport.

Cost:

From £1.00 single up to £3.00 return (depending on journey) + £1 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Tuesday and Thursday into Weymouth town centre and on the first Wednesday of the month clients are taken to Dorchester.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Portland, Weymouth (Upwey, Broadwey, Preston, Overcombe, Chickerell, Wyke Regis, Westham, Southill Rodwell and Radipole), Rodden and Langton Herring.

General Enquiries:

01305 228965

Contact name:

Dorset County Council

Address:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

Website: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/community-transport

Register to use this service. To join the scheme applications need to be signed by a GP or professional carer.
Book by telephone between 9 am and 5pm Monday to Friday.