

Volunteer drivers, part of the Leicestershire driving force helping local people get out and about.

Social car schemes and Community Bus services are run by local voluntary groups and supported by Leicestershire County Council. These services provide transport for people who have difficulty accessing public transport.

On **social car schemes**, volunteers use their own cars to take people to local activities and places.

On **community bus services**, volunteers drive mini-buses that provide transport for groups and individuals to local centres and towns for shopping and social activities.

As **volunteer drivers** say, "you make new friends", "hear funny stories", "have lots of laughs", and "feel good when people tell what a difference the service has made to their lives".

Volunteers are vital to the operation of these services.



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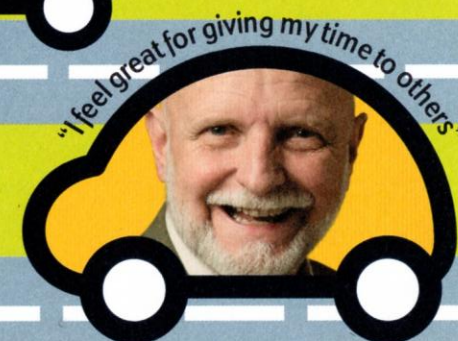
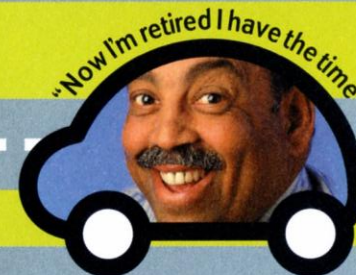
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Information on being a Volunteer driver



Join us in the driving seat



A few questions and answers

How much time do I need to give?

As much or as little as you want. You can drive on a regular basis or be flexible and help when you can. Any time you could give on any day of the week would be extremely helpful to us.

What notice will I get?

We will always try to give as much notice as possible but you can always say no if you are unavailable.

Will I get any help with my expenses?

The only cost to you is your time. You will receive reimbursement for every mile you travel using your own car when driving for the scheme. If you drive a minibus we will cover your travel to and from the minibus.

Who needs my help?

People who find it difficult or impossible to access public transport.

What do I need to become a volunteer driver?

Community bus

- Valid driving licence
- Must be over 25
- Telephone
- Liking for people

Social car scheme

- Valid driving licence
- Roadworthy car
- Current insurance
- Telephone
- Liking for people

Any training and support that is needed will be provided by the community transport project.

Is it just about driving?

It is what you make of it. You can just enjoy the driving or you can forge friendships with the passengers.

For further information contact your local project (see back page).

Community bus services



Social car schemes