

Beaches Community Car Service

Telephone 0780 7875878

A voluntary car service for all reasonable local journeys

Serving the villages of Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering and Horningsea

What is the Community Car Scheme?

The Beaches Community Car Service aims to provide door-to-door transport for people who do not have the use of a car and are unable to use conventional public transport. Passengers pay for the journey, but the cost is also subsidised by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Journeys are arranged through the scheme's journey co-ordinators. The lifts are provided by volunteers using their own cars. These drivers support the community by giving their time. Please treat them with the courtesy and respect that they deserve.

Who can use the service?

People living in the villages of Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering, and Horningsea who can't travel by any other means. For example, passengers may not have a car, or the car is away all day while someone else uses it for work. Maybe there are no buses to the destination, or the passenger can't physically access a bus.

Priority will be given to those wishing to travel to Medical appointments.

All journeys are subject to the availability of drivers and the discretion of the co-ordinator.

What type of journey can you make?

All reasonable local journeys, for example:

~ Essentials – medical, dental, chiropody, etc

~ Social – getting to local group meetings and events, shopping, visiting relatives, hair appointments, hospital visiting, etc

And longer trips to local hospitals [existing hospital transport should be used whenever possible], hospices, dentists and Care Homes in Cambridge and the surrounding area.

How much does it cost?

Passengers pay the driver on the day of travel, to contribute to petrol costs. (The driver also gets a subsidy from the County Council to help cover costs.)

25 p per mile
Minimum charge of **£1.00 for all journeys**

Mileage is calculated from the driver's home and back.

How can I arrange a journey?

Call the scheme co-ordinator on **0780 7875878**

Please give as much notice as you can - at least 48 hours notice if possible - so the co-ordinator has time to find a volunteer driver who is free when needed.

If possible please phone Monday to Friday.

If the co-ordinator is not available when you call, please leave a clear message giving the following information:

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

THE DATE OF YOUR JOURNEY AND YOUR DESTINATION

THE TIME OF YOUR APPOINTMENT

The coordinator will then ring you back to confirm.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver please contact the Co-ordinating team on 01223 575698