

Voluntary Social Car Scheme

The Voluntary Car Scheme provides alternative transport to members of the community who cannot make their journey by public or private transport throughout Cumbria.

The service is very much appreciated by the customers who rely on volunteer drivers to get them out and about. The co-ordinators and drivers enjoy helping people and striking up new friendships with their customers. Typical journeys include getting to the shops, doctor, making public transport connections and visiting friends.

Co-ordinators receive requests for journeys and arranges for a driver to provide transport. Collects and checks drivers' claim forms before sending them to the County Council. Helps recruits drivers and publicise the scheme locally.

Drivers use their own car to pick up customers and are reimbursed at 40p/mile travelled. The County Council also provides additional insurance for drivers against loss of no claims bonus, personal accident and public liability. Drivers keep a record of fares taken and total miles travelled and are reimbursed for their mileage on a monthly basis by the County Council. As drivers are volunteers they decide how many hours they can spare, however little is most welcome.

If you're interested in driving in Temple Sowerby/Kirkby Thore, please call Katy Wood for an information chat at the Integrated Transport Team, Cumbria County Council on 01228 226721 or email katy.wood@cumbria.gov.uk

Kind regards,
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