

## Volunteer Driver Role Description

We are looking for volunteers that want to make a difference to the lives of people that live in Blaby district. The role involves supporting local residents to get out and about to the following:

- Trips for food or shopping
- Social outings
- Health related trips
- Community groups or clubs
- Recreational or sports activities
- Visits to friends or relatives

Getting people out and about helps in the following ways:

- Enables independence
- Reduces social isolation
- Promotes social life and community interaction
- Has a positive effect on health and wellbeing

There are two different types of Community Transport schemes operating in Blaby District that need volunteer drivers. Social Car Schemes are where volunteers use their own cars to drive someone wherever they need to go. Community bus services use volunteers who – with training - drive a mini-bus on scheduled trips.

What we require from our volunteers:

- A commitment of 6 months volunteering
- A valid, clean driving licence
- Access to your own roadworthy car (for Social Care Scheme)
- Valid Insurance
- Agree to have a DBS check
- Reliability
- Positive and patient attitude
- Respect for others and equal opportunities

What we can\* offer our volunteers:

- Induction
- Training (to drive a minibus)
- Expenses
- Chance to make a real difference in the lives of otherwise isolated people
- Opportunity to give your ideas and thoughts to the Community Transport Working group and meet other volunteers.
- Further development opportunities: Community Transport schemes also need volunteers for other non-driving roles such as taking bookings, administration, fundraising activities and bus escorts.
- Reference after 6 months of volunteering

*'It gives me a target to work to. For me it means meeting people...and it's nice to get thanks and feel appreciated. I like working with the staff in the office too. They're all terrific!'*

*Maurice, Volunteer Driver, Social Car Scheme at Community Action Partnership*