

CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

The scheme needs a few more volunteers to operate successfully but with the kind help of the Caldecote and Hardwick scheme we are now pleased to offer a service in Cambourne

Community car schemes provide door-to-door transport for people who cannot make the journey by car, by bus or dial-a-ride.

We can provide transport for social purposes, appointments, shopping, and connecting with buses where required. We can cater for medical appointments, but for longer appointments, we would advise you to use Hospital Transport if you meet the eligibility criteria – GPs and consultants can advise on this. If you have a longer than normal appointment you may have to pay for a second trip (only one journey can be subsidized by Cambridgeshire County Council). There is a minimum charge of £2.50 for each journey.

Currently, our volunteer scheme cannot commit to regular transport requests, i.e. daily or weekly requirements for trips to day care centres or similar, as these would tie-up our small group of volunteers. Only journeys to the destination stated when the booking was made can be taken, i.e. no further destinations on route, and the driver will choose the best route.

The scheme currently needs volunteer drivers and another administrator if you are able to help then please contact the co-ordinator for the Cambourne Scheme

Samantha (Sam) Morrison Tel 07930 855 833 or cambournecarscheme@gmail.com

All expenses are paid and drivers get a top up of 15p per mile from the County Council making a total of 45p

Drivers are required to apply for a CRB check (arranged by the scheme), and must get permission from their insurer using a standard form of letter provided

***Second Administrator* - We now have one, receives calls and contacts drivers**

***Secretary* - takes notes at occasional meetings and deals with checking details of new volunteers, contacting the County Council about CRB checks, receiving forms**

The co-ordinator should be the first point of contact for any passenger who requires a journey.

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Cambridgeshire County Council will not reimburse long-distance journeys, for example holidays, although journeys to connect with public transport services (i.e. trains, coaches), are allowed if and where appropriate. Here are a few typical journey purposes that are in keeping with the above definition of a local trip, but this list is by no means exhaustive and therefore is provided for guidance only;

- 1 Shopping and personal business including post office, banks and building society etc.
- 2 Trips for medical purposes, such as hospital, clinic, GP, dentist and opticians appointments, including collection of prescriptions, where there is no alternative transport
- 3 Visits to relatives or friends at home or in hospital
- 4 To link with nearest public transport services

