



The Freedom Wheels service has been set up to help people who are unable to access public transport because of reduced mobility from injury, disability or age, or simply because of where they live.

Using your own car, the scheme connects you with people who need your help to get out and about in the simple business of living. Examples of journeys include getting to doctors and dentists appointments, shopping, making public transport connections and visiting friends.

What do you need to do?

You don't have to commit to any regular day or time, simply let Freedom Wheels know when you are available and we'll match that to the needs of the scheme users.

You need to use your own vehicle and should have a mobile phone you can be contacted on.

We are asked to provide regular and occasional lifts - you choose how you would like to help!

How far afield do I need to drive?

We provide transport for people living in the Craven area, not just Skipton. Most of the trips are to local places such as taking people to the doctors, hospital appointments and to day care facilities.

We will also provide transport for people wanting to attend further education and occasionally for shopping trips and social outings.

Longer distance trips outside the area are requested from time to time, such as to hospitals elsewhere in the county or leisure trips to the seaside or shopping in another town.

What about petrol costs?

We pay you a mileage allowance of 45p per mile to cover your fuel and help towards the running costs of your car. The volunteer pays this amount to you in advance when you pick them up from home.

What about insurance?

We have public liability insurance which covers you and your passenger whilst driving for Freedom Wheels. You will have to notify your insurance company to tell them that you will be undertaking voluntary work, but this should not result in any change to your usual premium.



Why is this service vital?

Funding cutbacks mean that public transport in Craven no longer services everyone. For those with disability, reduced mobility or who live in villages and hamlets where the buses don't service regularly, if at all, there may be no other option but the Freedom Wheels car scheme. By giving your time and the comfort of your car you will be helping us reduce the isolation that these people face, helping them to get out and about to improve their quality of life.

What support will I get?

The staff at Freedom Wheels have extensive experience in co-ordinating transport needs and volunteers. We will make sure you are familiar with how the scheme works and provide a handbook for reference which covers what you need to know, but we will always be on the end of a phone for you whenever you are driving for the scheme.





How do I get involved?

An information pack is available from our office above SCAD at:

**46-48 Newmarket St,
Skipton, BD23 2JB**

or call us on

0330 041 4578

and we'll post one out to you.

You will be asked to complete a registration form and provide two references.

This type of voluntary work is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check being carried out; we'll help you with all that.

We hope to see you soon and look forward to having you on the team doing this worthwhile work to support the community!



We need you!

Help us to provide this important support service for your community

You can make a big difference

Just an hour or two of your time can provide a lifeline for someone

Tell a friend

Maybe you know someone else who can help

Find out more

Call us on **0330 041 4578** for more details or call in to see us.

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Volunteer Driver Guide



SKIPTON & CRAVEN COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

