



## Volunteer Role Description Volunteer Car Driver

### About Freedom Wheels

*Freedom Wheels* is a new community transport service administered for North Yorkshire County Council by Skipton & Craven Action for Disability (S.C.A.D.). The service is designed to fill a gap in provision within North Yorkshire for a community wide social car scheme. S.C.A.D. has thirty years' experience of running transport services for disabled members and so was chosen to provide this service to a wider group of people.

Skipton & Craven Action for Disability (S.C.A.D.) is a charity formed in 1981 to provide support to those with disabilities primarily in the Skipton & Craven area. Our members are from a wide range of backgrounds with physical and mental disabilities and of all ages.

Volunteers will be asked to provide a door to door service using their own cars, to those who are isolated because of their rural or social background or those who are otherwise unable to easily access the limited public transport available within Craven.

SCAD's primary focus is the provision of weekday dial-a-ride transport to individuals and groups, via our fleet of minibuses which are specially adapted to carry wheelchairs. We have a number of other services, such as the wide beam canal boat 'Endeavour' and wheelchair hire for anything from a day to three months.

All this is financially supported by the sales of donated goods in our shops in Skipton, Settle, Keighley and Crosshills. We are also supported by around 130 volunteers working in various roles, including in our shops, driving minibuses and providing the crew for the boat. All are given the appropriate training for their roles and are an integral part of S.C.A.D., working alongside employed staff and providing crucial support for those staff in helping S.C.A.D. provide its services. Volunteer roles with S.C.A.D. range from drivers, day trip escorts and swimming assistants to shop assistants and office support volunteers (marketing, online sales etc).

### Why volunteer with us?

- Gain experience of working with a well known local charity
- A chance to develop your skills further or in a different sector
- Experience to add to CV or university application forms
- A chance to give something back to your community and help us make a massive difference to people's lives in and around Craven

### What support will be given?

- Training that includes induction and an introduction to our services
- Each volunteer receives a Volunteer handbook and support from a dedicated member of staff.
- Expenses paid (in line with charity policy)

## **The Role**

### *Main purpose of the role*

We intend, initially, to introduce the service in those areas circling Skipton, from Sutton to Coniston and so are looking for volunteers willing to offer their service and their car across those areas.

Volunteers will receive set mileage expenses for the whole journey (from your door to the client, to the end destination and return to your door) and the journey would be booked with you at least 24, hopefully 48 hours beforehand.

***Your existing car insurance would not be affected by this volunteering.***

### *Main Relationships*

The volunteer would have contact with a wide range of clients who need transporting to medical and social appointments, shops etc. The volunteer would also have regular and direct contact with the Freedom Wheels transport manager and administrator.

### *How much time are we asking you for?*

You can choose whether you wish to be available ad hoc or would prefer / cannot do specific days. The service would be available on weekdays only (excluding bank holidays).

### *Who would support you?*

Freedom Wheels' Transport Manager

### *Skills needed*

A clean driving licence (no more than 3 points) and good driving skills - these will be assessed by the Transport Manager before accepting you onto the service.

## **Person specification**

This role would suit a person who is sensible and has a straightforward considerate approach, and likes driving! Ability to 'connect' with people of all ages and backgrounds, and who enjoys meeting and helping people.

## **How do I apply?**

If you are interested, please contact us. We will ask you to complete a Volunteer Application Form and then come in for an initial Volunteer interview. If we think that you and we can work well together, we will get references for you, and contact you about starting with us.

You will be required to provide us with various documents before you can start (e.g. current driving licence, your car's current insurance certificate and MOT certificate if appropriate) and we will have to assess your driving before we confirm that you can start. Finally, every volunteer driver will require a Disclosure & Barring Service check before starting, for which you will need to provide us with identity documents. The Transport Manager and administrator will discuss these with you when you attend for an interview.

***Thank you very much for considering volunteering for this service:  
it is likely to be a lifesaver for many people across Craven.***

## **Who do I contact?**

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