

Dorset Community Transport Directory October 2013

This guide gives details of over 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other community transport initiatives across Dorset.

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About this Directory

In the following pages you will find details of around 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other Community Transport initiatives across Dorset.

The directory is split by District, to help locate schemes nearest to you, and are listed in alphabetical order; BUT do check other neighbouring district listings as some schemes service villages across a wide area. Each page provides you with a little information about the scheme, details of which areas the scheme operates in and some contact details for you to make enquiries and book the transport.

The information listed was correct at time of compilation but is subject to change. Please contact the scheme or service directly, for more information.

If you know of other schemes that operate in Dorset or if you wish to be included in this directory or have an amendment, please contact:

Paul Cooper on 01305 221736 p.c.cooper@dorsetcc.gov.uk at the Dorset passenger transport team, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester Dorset DT1 1XJ.

Community transport information line

A new telephone service is now available for anyone to find out if there is a community transport scheme in their area. Telephone 01305 221053 or go to: <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/mylocal/>

Important note: We are not in a position to recommend a particular organisation, however this booklet contains details of a number of independent sector providers of transport you may wish to contact. Dorset County Council, are unable to take responsibility for the actions of these providers and their inclusion does not imply any approval or inspection of their work on our part. The charges and level of service vary from organisation to organisation. You may wish to contact more than one to ask about your requirements and their costs before making a decision. Details of other providers may be found in the telephone directory or local press.



Volunteering

Volunteer Drivers and Organisers

Community Transport schemes provide an essential service to people who either cannot use, or do not have access to, conventional forms of public or private transport. Many of these schemes are only in existence thanks to the generosity of support of local volunteers and volunteer drivers. If you or somebody you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver or organiser please contact your local scheme to discuss how you might be able to help them. **Thank you**

Hospital Transport for patients in Dorset

Patients are expected to make their own way to and from hospital, this might be with the assistance of public transport, relatives, friends, or neighbours. In some areas community transport may be an option. If you are unable to get to hospital for your appointment, you may be eligible for non emergency National Health Service patient transport provided by the hospital. Non emergency National Health Service patient transport is provided for medical reasons only using the guidelines from the Department of Health which are available from the Dorset Patient Transport Bureau web site.

If you believe as a patient that you might be eligible for free patient transport or wish advice on getting to your hospital appointment, then call the Dorset Patient Transport Bureau on **0300 777 5555**. All patient requests for transport will be assessed against the eligibility criteria and patients will be assessed for each request as medical conditions change over time. If you are not eligible for patient transport, the Dorset Patient Transport Bureau will give advice on alternative methods of public and volunteer transport. The Dorset Patient Transport Bureau is open Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm. For more information visit the website: **www.dorsetptb.co.uk**

The Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme may be able to provide financial help to patients on a low income who are not eligible for hospital transport. **Call 0300 330 1343** for further details.



Public Transport information

Websites to help plan your journey:

www.travelinesw.com

www.traveline.org.uk

www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset

www.gettingabout.info

www.transportdirect.info

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Helplines for journey planning:

Traveline – 0871 200 22 33

National Rail Enquiries – 08457 48 49 50
(Textphone - 0845 60 50 600)

For contact numbers of public transport providers and timetables of public transport services refer to the Dorset County Council Bus Travel times booklets available from Tourist Information Centres, libraries, most rural Post Offices or from: **www.dorsetforyou.com/traveldorset**

Dorset County Council public transport team can be contacted on: **01305 225165** or email: **publictransport@dorsetcc.gov.uk**



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Bournemouth

sedcat (South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport) The BAT Bus

Booking Number: 01202 399700/01202 534027

A door-to-door morning shopping service to the following Bournemouth shopping centres:

Bus 1: Sovereign Centre in Boscombe (drop off Shopmobility) ASDA at St Paul's Road.

Bus 2: Castlepoint Shopping Centre (drop off Top Mall outside M&S) Castlepoint Shopmobility TESCO, Riverside Avenue, Castle Lane

A programme of full day and afternoon outings are available to members.

Eligibility:

The elderly, or those with a physical or sensory disability, who are no longer able to use public transport.

Cost:

Annual membership fee £6. Morning shopping trip £5 return.
Afternoon outing £5 : full day outing £8

Days of operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Vehicles:

Two 16-seater vehicles, wheelchair accessible

Areas served:

Bournemouth residents postcode area BH1 - BH11 inclusive

General Enquires:

01202 399700 and 01202 534027

Contact name:

Dave Parsons and Alison Morrison

Email: alison.morrison@sedcat.org.uk **Website:** www.sedcat.org.uk

Address:

3-5 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4HN

Register to use this service. Shopmobility is available at the Sovereign Centre and Castlepoint. For more information about this service telephone 01202 534027

sedcat (South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport) - Community Cars

Booking Number: 01202 309433 (Booking line open Monday – Friday 9am to 1pm)

Community Cars is a voluntary car scheme which helps the elderly and those living in the Bournemouth area who are unable to use public transport, but still need to make essential journeys. Volunteer drivers, using their own cars, offer a door to door service for members to help them access much needed services.

Eligibility:

The elderly, or those with a physical or sensory disability, who are no longer able to use public transport

Cost:

Annual membership fee £6

55 pence per mile (£4 minimum charge).

Mileage starts and finishes from driver's home.

Days of operation:

Weekdays

Vehicles:

Volunteer driver's own vehicle.

Areas served:

Bournemouth residents postcode area BH1 - BH11 inclusive

General Enquires:

01202 399700 and 01202 598295

Contact name:

Dave Parsons and Alison Morrison

Email: alison.morrison@sedcat.org.uk **Website:** www.sedcat.org.uk

Address:

Bournemouth Community Transport, 3-5 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4HN.

Register to use this service. Mileage starts and finishes from driver's home. Where possible, 48 hours notice is required to book a car.



Christchurch

Age Concern Christchurch

Booking Number: 01202 488311 (office)

Door to door minibus service for Age Concern Christchurch Friendship Centre. Shopping trips at Sainsbury at Somerford and Tesco at Lford and periodic day trips and private bookings depending on availability.

Eligibility:

People over the age of 60 living in the Christchurch area

Cost:

£4.00 for each return trip to Age Concern Christchurch Friendship Centres. Shopping trips £4.50 per person for each return trip. Private bookings depend on distance. Outings price depends on venue. Ask office for a quote.

Days of operation:

Monday pm - Somerford Friendship Centre.

Tuesday pm – Christchurch Friendship Centre

Wednesday pm – St Catherine’s Hill Friendship Centre

Thursday – Sainsbury Shopping trips from Highcliffe area

Friday am – Sainsbury shopping trips from Mudeford and Burton areas

Friday pm - Portfield Hall Friendship Centre

Vehicles:

16 seat minibus with tailgate lift to assist people with wheelchairs

Areas served:

Christchurch area

General Enquires:

01202 488311

Contact name:

Celia Burgess office manager, Roger Lawrence transport manager

Address:

Age Concern Christchurch Druitt Hall, High Street Christchurch BH23 1AB
www.ageconcernChristchurch.org.uk click on transport

No need to register for this service.

Christchurch Community Partnership Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01202 471780

Christchurch Dial-a-Bus offers a specially adapted bus, trained staff and a door-to-door bus service to take you shopping and on excursions in and around Dorset and Hampshire. Normally, shopping trips are on Thursdays and Fridays to Sainsbury. They must be booked by 5pm on a Tuesday. Excursions are generally scheduled during the warmer months of the year, and information on the current schedule can be obtained from phoning 01202 471780. The bus is also available on loan to local groups – for more information telephone Dave on 01202 042451 or 07825 199000.

Eligibility:

The service is open to anyone, of any age, who cannot use/finds it difficult to use public transport or is disabled, or mobility impaired.

Cost:

The suggested donation for shopping trips is £5. Excursions cost more depending on distance travelled. Copies of the leaflet can be had from the Christchurch information centre and local libraries. You can book/pay for each trip using cash or credit/debit card by calling/visiting the Christchurch Information Centre.

Days of operation:

Thursdays (East Christchurch), Friday (West Christchurch & Burton).

Vehicles:

17 seater minibus, wheelchair accessible, low floor & ramp.

Areas served:

West Christchurch (Hurn, St. Catherine's Hill, Fairmile, Jumpers, Kings Avenue Burton and Winton) East Christchurch (Walkford, Highcliffe, Hobourne, Friars Cliff, Mudeford, Stanpit, Purewell, Somerford)

General Enquires:

01202 471780

Contact name:

Sara Stewart-Haddow. Email:enquiries@christchurchtourism.info
Website: www.visitchristchurch.info

Register to use this service and book at least one day before travel.
Other shopping and excursion requests in the Christchurch,
Hampshire and surrounding area will be considered.

Christchurch Neighbour Cars

Booking Number: 01202 989632

Door to door transport for attending doctors, dentists, hospitals and any other health related appointments

Eligibility:

For those people who have difficulty in walking or difficulty in accessing public transport

Cost:

£0.50 per mile

Days of operation:

week days only

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles. Rollators can be carried.

Areas served:

Residents in BH23 postcode area

General Enquires:

01202 989632

Contact name:

Clare Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.00pm

To register telephone the booking number.
Two working days notice is required.

No wheelchairs can be carried unless a wheelchair passenger is accompanied by a companion who can lift the wheelchair in and out of the vehicle.



Highcliffe Friends in Need

Booking Number: 01425 279328 (in the first instance) Voluntary car scheme for medical and dental appointments only.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has transport difficulties.

Cost:

Donation

Days of operation:

Normally Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles, some wheelchair friendly vehicles.

Areas served:

Highcliffe and Mundeford only

General Enquires:

01425 279328

Contact name:

Mrs Belbin, secretary

Contact between 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday Where possible
48 hours notice required for booking



East Dorset

Age UK (Ferndown & District)

Booking Number: 01425 475874

Community Bus for transport to the Social Day Centre and shopping.

Eligibility:

Clients of Social Day Centres only.

Cost:

Free of charge.

Days of operation:

Monday, and Thursday.

Vehicles:

15-seater minibus with tail-lift, low floor/step and ramp.

Areas served:

Ferndown & district West Moors, St. Leonards, St. Ives.

General Enquires:

01425 475874

Contact name:

Mr Raymond Dudman

Address:

Age UK Ferndown & District, The Day Centre,
5 Library Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9JP

Register to use this service.



Alderholt Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01425 654581

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists and prescription collection.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

Week days and occasional Saturdays.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Alderholt, Cripplestyle, Cranborne and Crendell.

General Enquires:

01425 654581

Contact name:

Mrs Jacqueline Butler

Email:

hillbury32@hotmail.com

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service. Children to be transported must be accompanied by an adult.



Chase Community Friends

Booking Number: 01258 841321

Dial-a-ride service for access doctors, hospital, dentist, opticians,

Eligibility:

Mobility impaired and elderly.

Cost:

Donation (suggested level 50p per mile)

Days of operation:

Any time if driver available.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own cars, fold up wheelchairs only.

Areas served:

Cranborne Chase area (Tollard Royal, Farnham, the Gussages and Sixpenny Handley).

General Enquires:

01258 841321

Organised transport to a weekly coffee morning, and once a month to a social day centre lunch in Sixpenny Handley



Corfe Mullen Community Aid

Booking Number: 07000 780593

A locally based charity offering, amongst other services, a voluntary car scheme for medical appointments (including hospitals, doctor, dentist, and optician).

Eligibility:

Anyone who is without transport.

Cost:

Donation

Days of operation:

Any time.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own car.

Areas served:

Corfe Mullen only.

General Enquires:

01202 624553

Contact name:

Frances Russell

Email:

frances.russell@o2.co.uk



Cranborne Friends of the Practice

**Booking Numbers: 01202 822825 Lake Road Surgery or
01725 517272 Cranborne Surgery**

Voluntary Car Scheme for GP dentist and hospital appointments.

Eligibility:

Only available to patients registered at the Lake Road or Cranborne GP practices.

Cost:

45p a mile (min. charge £4).

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00pm

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles, some wheelchair friendly vehicles

Areas served:

Cranborne Verwood & surrounding villages

General Enquires:

01202 813177

Contact name:

Carl Walker

No need to register to use this service.



Ferndown Neighbourcar Scheme

Booking Number: 01202 980839

Voluntary car scheme that will take clients to almost anywhere locally they wish to go including hospital and doctors' appointments.

Eligibility:

Over 55s and mobility impaired

Cost:

Donation (around £13 for Poole Hospital return, £5 for local journeys).

Days of operation:

Weekdays (will do weekends in some circumstances).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles, folding wheelchairs only

Areas served:

Ferndown, West Parley

General Enquires:

01202 980839

Contact name:

Mrs Joyce Little

Email:

john.little@talktalk.net



Holt Area Neighbourcare

Booking Number: 01202 885559 (in the first instance)

Voluntary transport scheme offering transport with friendly local people for medical appointments, shopping, visiting friends etc.

Eligibility:

Anyone who is without transport.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Any time. (We have volunteers who can cover all times and days).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers; own car.

Areas served:

Holt, Horton, Chalbury, Gaunts Common, Hinton Martell.

General Enquires:

01202 885559

Contact name:

Ann Korta

Email:

ann.korta@talktalk.net

Must register with above named first.



Verwood & Area Good Neighbours Scheme

Booking Number: 01202 826764 / 01202 821416

(booking system will be explained)

Voluntary car scheme for medical appointments and shopping but, subject to availability of drivers, clients can be taken to Church and social events. Visits to within 5 mile radius of Verwood plus appointments at Bournemouth, Poole, Salisbury, Blandford and Christchurch hospitals.

Eligibility:

Over 50s who do not have their own means of transport.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Normally Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own car.

Areas served:

Verwood, Alderholt, Cranborne, Edmondsham, Woodlands and Three Legged Cross.

General Enquires:

01202 826764 or 01202 821416

Contact name:

Mr E Sams or Mr Roberts

Email:

eddiesams1@tiscali.co.uk.



Vision Wimborne Dial-a-Ride

Booking Number: 01202 880699

(Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm)

Vision Wimborne is a charity which aims to improve life for people living in Wimborne Minster and surrounding areas by providing door to door transport.

Eligibility:

Anyone with disabilities who find it difficult to use existing transport and who live within 5 mile radius of Wimborne Town Centre or live in St. Leonards and St. Ives.

Cost:

Donation based on mileage (agreed at time of booking).

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday and by special arrangements at weekends and holidays.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair passenger plus up to 3 other passengers.

Areas served:

Wimborne Minster & surrounding area including Wimborne, Colehill, Holt, Witchampton, Ferndown, West Parley, Merley, Broadstone, St. Leonards and St. Ives.

General Enquires:

01202 880699

Contact name:

Mrs Jenny Coates, Chairman

No need to register to use this service. Vehicle has sufficient space for a normal electric chair, however, scooters are likely to be too big.



West Moors NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 874581 (in the first instance)

Voluntary car scheme with priority given to medical appointments. Whenever possible other activities such as shopping, church, visiting relatives in hospital, hairdressers' appointments etc will also be accommodated.

Eligibility:

Senior citizens.

Cost:

Donation, 50 pence a mile.

Days of operation:

Any time if driver is available.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own car.

Areas served:

West Moors.

General Enquires:

01202 874581

Contact name:

John Mullett

Email:

johncmullett@talktalk.net

Must register with above named first. All drivers are Disclosure and Barring checked. Need to have three or four days notice for bookings.



West Parley NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 890173

The West Parley Neighbourcar Scheme exists to facilitate the mobility of persons aged 50 or over and living in West Parley who do not have access to transport, or who are unable to use public transport, to enable them to attend medical appointments, as well as for social, shopping and personal trips primarily within a 10 mile radius of West Parley.

Eligibility:

Aged 50 or over

Cost:

Minimum voluntary donation of 50p per mile based on return trip mileage. The minimum donation is £2.

Days of operation:

Any time subject to driver availability

Vehicles used:

Transport is by the volunteer Driver's own private car.

Areas served:

West Parley.

General Enquires:

01202 890173

Contact name:

Clive Butcher

Clients need to be registered with West Parley NeighbourCar before they can use its services. This involves a brief visit by the Transport Co-ordinator to their home address and the completion of a registration form. To help with administration costs of the scheme we ask Clients to contribute a one-off registration fee of £5.

Longer journeys may be undertaken if there is a Driver available and willing to do it. Journeys can be at any reasonable time provided a Driver is available. Clients using the service must be able to walk to and from the vehicle using aids if necessary.



Wimborne Area NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01202 849360

Eligibility:

People over 50 not able to use public transport.

Cost:

One off £5 Registration fee and 50p per mile on all journeys.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Private cars owned by volunteers.

Areas served:

Wimborne, Colehill, Sturminster Marshall and local villages.

General Enquires:

01202 849360

Contact name:

Mr Eric Burton

Email:

ericburton@sky.com

All drivers Disclosure and Barring Service checked with identity.
Full insurance.



Mid Dorset

Milton Abbas NeighbourCar

Booking Number: 01258 881709

Voluntary car scheme with priority given to medical appointments. Where possible and depending on the availability of drivers, other activities such as lunch clubs will also be accommodated

Eligibility:

Anyone who is infirm or has a disability and is not able to use or does not have access to public transport and has no other means of transport

Cost:

45p per mile for medical journeys and 50p per mile for non-medical social journeys. £5.00 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Weekdays (weekends only in urgent circumstances)

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles

Areas served:

The villages of Milton Abbas, Milborne St Andrew, Winterborne Clenston, Winterborne Whitechurch, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Houghton, Winterborne Kingston, Dewlish, Hilton & Ansty, Melcombe Bingham & Chelselbourne

General Enquires:

Nigel Hodder Co-ordinator on 01258 881709

Email:

maneighbourcar@talktalk.net

Must register first with the coordinator. All drivers are Disclosure and Barring checked.



North Dorset

Age Concern (Blandford Forum)

Booking Number: 01258 458250

Good Friend scheme providing transport to the pop-in centre offering a be-friending service.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly with no access to, or unable to use, public transport.

Cost:

£3.25

Days of operation:

Wednesday for Pop-In Centre using a Blandford Hospital Bus.

Vehicles:

12-seater minibuses with tail-lift, wheelchair access, low floor/step.

Areas served:

Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch, Langton Long & Blandford Town.

General Enquires:

01258 458250

Contact name:

Miss Carol Bunnagar

Address:

Age Concern Blandford Forum, 4 Nightingale Court, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7ED

Fax:

01258 458250

Email:

ageconcernblandford@talk21.com

Register to use this service.



Age Concern (Gillingham and Shaftesbury)

Booking Number: 01747 850970

A voluntary car scheme to take people to medical appointments (hospital, doctor, optician, dentist).

Eligibility:

Over 55s.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Gillingham, Shaftesbury and surrounding villages.

General Enquires:

01747 850970

Contact name:

Ms Doreen Willson



Age Concern (North Dorset) Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01258 473439

Voluntary Car Scheme providing access to hospital visiting, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection, employment or education & social activities.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Sturminster Newton, Fifehead Magdalen, Todber, Henstridge, Stalbridge, Marnhull, Hinton St. Mary, Stalbridge Weston, Lydlynch, Fifehead Neville, Kingston, Kings Stag, Stourton Caundle, Okeford Fitzpaine, Broad Oak, Hammoon, Manston, West Orchard, Margaret Marsh, Fiddleford, Child Okeford, Shillingstone.

General Enquires:

01258 473439

Contact name:

Mrs Wendy Catley

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register for this service.



Bus2Go

Booking Number: 01258 880559

Bus2Go Offers Low cost affordable Community Transport for the Villages in and around the Blandford area in Association with Dorset Community Transport

Eligibility:

Inter generational, all ages, everyone welcome

Cost:

Variable and in some cases subsidised

Days of operation:

Every other week, weekdays or weekends (depending on destination)

Vehicles:

12-16 seater minibuses with tail-lift, wheelchair/pushchair access, low floor/step

Areas served:

Blandford Town, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch, Winterborne Kingston, Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew

Forthcoming outings:

September, Dorchester Market, Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens, Swanage Railway

October, Value House, Wyke Regis and Weymouth Eye, Bournemouth, Dunelme Mill and The Range, Seaton Tramway, Devon (Halloween Special)

November, Southampton, Christmas Shopping West Quay, Bovington, Tank Museum

December, Owermoigne, Galton Garden Centre, Christmas Lunch, and Bath, Christmas Market

General Enquires:

07917298321

Contact name:

Margo Kirk – Project Leader

Address:

38 Hopsfield, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0LD

Email:

bus2go@btinternet.com



Friends of Blandford Community Hospital

Booking Number: 01258 450095

Voluntary Car Scheme for hospital visiting and appointments, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropractors, prescription collection and shopping and social activities.

Eligibility:

Anyone that has an appointment at Blandford Hospital or anyone with no access to, or unable to use, public transport services for other journeys. Must be referred by GP.

Cost:

Free of charge (donations welcome).

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

1 minibus plus volunteer drivers' own vehicles.

Areas served:

Blandford, Sturminster Newton, Child Okeford, Shillingstone, Durweston, Okeford Fitzpaine, Kingston, Kings Stag, Fifehead Neville, Woolland, Ibberton, Turnworth, Winterborne Kingston, Iwerne Minster, Winterborne Stickland, Stourpaine, Pimperne, Winterborne Clenston, Spetisbury, Charlton Marshall, Winterborne Whitechurch, Sutton Waldron, Langton, Tarrant Keyneston, Tarrant Rushton, Tarrant Rawston, Tarrant Launceston, Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Gunville, Tarrant Crawford, Shroton, Bryanston, Blandford St. Mary, Bagber, Marnhull, Lydlinch, Belchalwell, Hazelbury Bryan

General Enquires:

01258 450095

Contact name:

Lisa Deverell

Address:

Blandford Community Hospital, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0RN

Fax:

01258 450095

Email:

friends.blandford@dorset-pct.nhs.uk

Register to use this service. Book by telephone during office hours
Monday - Friday 10am to 4pm

Gillingham Area Voluntary Car Link Scheme

Booking Number: 07599 311443

A good neighbour service for medical and related appointments, hospital visiting, collecting shopping, prescriptions, library, hairdressers/barbers.

Eligibility:

Disabled in need of transport and elderly in need of transport.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Normally weekdays but occasionally weekends can be accommodated.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own cars.

Areas served:

Gillingham and villages in the SP8 postcode area of Dorset.

General Enquires:

01747 836330

Contact name:

Robert Wellen

No need to register for this service.



Hillside Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01258 818252

Door to door service No restriction on use within reason. (Shopping, Hairdresser, Train Station, Medical Appointment etc)

Eligibility:

Elderly or young mobility impaired who cannot use or access public transport.

Cost:

50 pence per mile minimum charge. All distances considered. You pay driver's mileage door to door.

Days of operation:

Any time subject to driver availability

Vehicles:

Volunteers own vehicles

Areas served:

Villages south of Sturminster Newton in the area of Kings Stag, Hazelbury Bryan, Mappowder, Woolland, Ibberton, Fifehead Neville

General Enquires:

01258 818252

Register to use this service. There is a home visit for registration with a £5 registration fee. 48 hours prior notice is needed to book this service



Marnhull Village Care

Booking Number: 01258 821476

Voluntary Car Scheme providing transport for medical appointments (and hospital visiting in exceptional circumstances).

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly and unemployed for essential trips listed above

Cost:

Donation to cover fuel.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Marnhull

General Enquires:

01258 821233

Contact name:

Mrs Jill Kieran

No need to register for this service. Passengers are asked to make the suggested donation for the journey.



Motcombe Country Car Scheme

Booking number: 01747 840 411

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for local hospital visiting, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists and prescription collection.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys

Cost:

40p per mile

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Motcombe and local surrounding area.

Contact name:

Mrs Angela Biggs

Email:

angelabiggscs@hotmail.com

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport> Voluntary car scheme

No need to register for this service.



Shillingstone Country Cars

Shillingstone Country Cars

Booking Number: 01258 860975

Voluntary Car Scheme to help those in rural areas who are not fit enough to use public transport or who have no other means of transport to enable them to make essential trips, such as doctors, dentists, opticians, hospital visiting.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available for essential journeys.

Cost:

45p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Shillingstone

General Enquires:

01258 860975

Contact name:

Gill Philip

Email:

gillphilip321@hotmail.com

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

Register to use this service.



Poole

Poole Community Transport Service

Booking Number (for use once registered): 01202 262299

Poole Community Transport service offers transport for Borough of Poole residents who do not have access to a car and are unable to use public transport.

Eligibility:

Any Borough of Poole resident with no access to a car and eligible for the connect bus pass or is registered disabled.

Membership:

£5.00 per year

Cost:

Dial a Bus £2.00 single, and £4.00 return. For other trips the cost is £4.00 for the first five miles and £1.00 a mile thereafter. Minimum return trip is £8.00

Days of operation:

Dial a Bus Monday to Saturday. Voluntary car scheme seven days a week subject to driver availability

Vehicles:

Fully accessible minibuses (wheelchair, low floor/step, ramp), volunteer drivers own vehicles, a wheelchair accessible car also available to hire.

Area served:

No restrictions subject to driver availability

General enquiries:

01202 262299

Contact name:

Nicola Gray



Address:

Community transport and travel co-ordinator, Passenger transport,
Borough of Poole, St John's House, Serpentine Road, Poole, BH15 2DX

Email:

nicola.gray@poole.gov.uk

Website:

www.boroughofpoole.com

Register to use this service.

Concessionary travel; If you do not have a bus pass (connect card) or are unable to use yours because you are not able to use the bus, then you may be eligible for vouchers to pay for your journeys. Eligibility for vouchers will be assessed during the home visit.



Purbeck

Communicare

Booking Numbers: 01929 426325 /426896 / 423612 / 422969 / 427576 / 423587

Voluntary car and befriending, service for general shopping, prescription and pension collection accompanying the frail either walking or in a wheelchair.

Eligibility:

Available to anyone.

Cost:

40p per mile (min. £2 per journey).

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Swanage, Studland, Langton Matravers, Kingston, Harmans Cross.

General Enquires:

01929 288092

Contact name:

Jenny Lazenbury, Director of Communicare

No need to register for this service. Telephone one of the 6 link numbers to book. Voluntary Car Scheme for hospital visits or compassionate reasons. Befriending service available to accompany the frail or wheelchair users, help with form filling and writing letters, visiting and reading to the elderly, handicapped, housebound and lonely. Sit in to relieve carers and visit the bereaved, hospital liaison when patients return home, car transport for hospital visits or other compassionate reasons.



Friends of the Surgery (Corfe Castle)

Booking Number: 01929 481159

Voluntary Car Scheme providing transport for hospital appointments, doctors, chiropodists and prescription collection. This service cannot be used for visits to opticians, dentist or shopping trips.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

Donations

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Corfe, Wareham, Church Knowle, Harmans Cross.

General Enquires:

01929 481159

Contact name:

Kathy Morris

No need to register to use this service, but must be registered with Corfe surgery.



Helping Hands

Booking Number: 01929 556655

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital visiting and appointments, doctors and other medical appointments, prescription collection, opticians and dentist.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly.

Cost:

Suggested voluntary contribution 40p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (9am - 5pm).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Wareham, Sandford, Carey, Stoborough, Ridge, Corfe Castle, Bere Regis, Bloxworth, Stoborough Green, Lytchett Matravers, Upton, Holton Heath, Norden, Morden, East Morden, Lytchett Minster, Slepe, Arne, Church Knowle, East Creech.

General Enquires:

01929 556655

Contact name:

Mrs Pauline Clarkson.

Register to use this service. Cannot carry wheelchairs.



Purbeck Assisted Shopping Scheme

Booking Number: 01258 473154

Eligibility:

Elderly.

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5.00. Concessionary Fares apply

Days of operation:

Wednesday to Tesco at Tower Park

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Morning: Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Upton

Afternoon: Wareham, Corfe Castle, Wool on alternate Wednesdays.

General Enquires:

01258 472 164

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Email:

info@nordcat.org.uk

Register to use this service. Book at least 24 hours in advance between 9am and 4pm.



Share and Care

Booking Number: 01929 400627 01929 463835 or 01929 462614

Voluntary Car Scheme and Befriending Service providing access for shopping and collecting prescriptions for the frail, ill or house bound; enabling carers to take a break; transport to visit the doctor, dentist, optician, or relatives in hospital, if no other means of getting there are available.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly, children & young people with no access to or unable to use public transport

Cost:

40p per mile, local under 1 mile minimum £1.50 (subject to review).

Days of operation:

Weekdays as required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Bovington, Bovington Camp, Coombe Keynes, East Lulworth, West Lulworth, East Stoke, Winfrith Newburgh, East Knighton, Wool, East Burton.

General Enquiries:

01929 463835

Contact name:

Mrs. Bridget Hine

No need to register for this service.



Swanage Hopper

Booking Number: 01305 221059

A community run bookable service running to the town centre, Swanage Market, Durlston Country Park and Swanage Hospital (for visiting only). The Partnership for Older People Project (POPP) also arranges lunch outings for those unable to use public transport.

Eligibility:

Those who have difficulty using conventional public transport.

Cost:

£3 return.

Days of operation:

Tuesday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Areas served:

Swanage and surrounding area.

General Enquires:

Dorset Direct on: 01305 221059

POPP Lunch Club: 07825 206055

Supported by Dorset County Council and Swanage Area Senior Forum, must register with Dorset direct to use this service.



Upton Dial a Bus to Poole

Booking Number: 01202 262299

(Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12noon)

Door-to-door dial-a-ride service from Upton to Poole Town Centre.

Eligibility:

Disabled and mobility impaired.

Cost:

£2.00 single, £4.00 return

Days of operation:

Thursdays.

Vehicles:

Fully accessible minibuses

Areas served:

Upton

General Enquires:

01202 262299

Contact:

Borough of Poole Transportation Department

An extension of the Poole Dial-a-Bus scheme. In partnership with the Borough of Poole, Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council. New users should register first with the Income office at Purbeck District Council on 01929 557236. Membership £5.



Upton Friends of the Practice

**Booking Numbers: 01202 622339 (Upton) or
01202 632764 (Lytchett Matravers)**

A voluntary car scheme for surgery patients to get to medical appointments only ie. doctor, dentist, optician.

Eligibility:

Patients of the practice who have no transport and cannot use the regular bus service.

Cost:

Donation.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers' own cars.

Areas served:

Catchment area of the surgery ie. Upton and Lytchett Matravers.

General Enquires:

Via the surgery: 01202 622339 (Upton) or 01202 632764 (Lytchett Matravers)

Contact name:

Pat Derrick



Wareham Hopper

Booking Numbers: 01258 473154

Dial-a-ride service for access to shopping, leisure and social activities.

Eligibility:

Elderly with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

£5 - £6 (outer villages) and Concessionary Fares apply

Days of operation:

Tuesday - Corfe Castle to Swanage

Wednesday am - Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, outskirts of Upton to Tower Park, Poole

Wednesday pm - Wool, Wareham, Corfe Castle to Tower Park, Poole.

As Purbeck assisted shopping.

Thursdays - all villages to Wareham.

Friday- occasional excursions.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Wool, Bovington, Church Knowle, Corfe Castle, Bere Regis, Stoborough, Ridge, Carey, Northmoor, Sandford, Cold Harbour, Stoborough Green, East Stoke, Holton Heath, Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers.

General Enquires:

01258 472 164

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Fax:

01258 472909

Email:

info@nordcat.org.uk

Register to use this service. Affiliated to Purbeck Transport Action Group.



West Dorset

Age UK Dorchester Shopping Transport Service

Booking Number: 01305 269444

A Community Bus Service providing access to shopping in Dorchester.

Eligibility:

Older people without access to, or unable to use, public transport.

Cost:

£5 per trip plus a one off registration fee of £3

Days of operation:

Monthly on Friday morning:

1st week of the month from Broadmayne

2nd week of the month from Owerioigne, West Stafford & Warmwell

3rd week of the month from Maiden Newton & Cattistock

4th week of the month from Puddletown and Tolpuddle

Vehicles:

16-seater minibus with tail-lift, wheelchair access and low floor/step.

Areas served:

Dorchester, Weymouth, Broadmayne, Owerioigne, Maiden Newton, Cattistock and Puddletown.

General Enquires:

01305 269444

Contact name:

Anna Biley, Lucy Christian

Address:

Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1PW

Email:

info@ageukdorchester.org.uk

Website:

www.ageukdorchester.org.uk



Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service

Booking Number: 01404 46520

Ring & Ride service for transport for shopping, leisure, cultural & social activities.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly and anyone with no access to or unable to use public transport.

Cost:

Shopping £4.50 return / Outing £5 return.

Days of operation:

Monday to Thursday (areas vary) plus some Saturdays full-day trips.

Vehicles:

15-seater minibus with tail-lift, and 13 seater minibus with tail-lift.

Areas served:

Wooton Fitzpaine, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Holcombe, Raymonds Hill, Harecombe Bottom, Mosterton, Beaminster, Loders, Morecombelake, Bridport, Chideock, Bothenhampton, Broadwindsor, Stoke Abbott, Netherbury, Bettiscombe, Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Swyre, Shipton Gorge, Askerwell, Hooke, Loders, Powerstock, Mapperton.

General Enquires:

01404 46520

Contact name:

Mrs J Hopson-Hill

Address:

Parish Office, St Paul's Church, High Street, Honiton EX14 1PE

Email:

axevalleyringride@tiscali.co.uk

Register to use this service.



Bopper Bus

Number to Register: 01297 489422

Community Bus to take young people (aged 8-18 yrs) to Bridport Leisure Centre.

Eligibility:

Children & Young People aged 8 - 18 yrs.

Cost:

£2 (reductions for more than 1 child)

Days of operation:

Friday evening.

Vehicles:

24-seater minibus.

Areas served:

Charmouth, Wootton Fitzpaine, Monkton Wyld, Catherston Leweston, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Morcombelake, Ryall, Chideock, Symondsburry, Eype.

General Enquires:

01297 489422

Contact name:

Kate Gerraty

Register to use this service. Once registered, reserve your seat at either Charmouth or Chideock Post Office Stores. All volunteers Disclosure and Barring checked and First Aid trained.



Beaminster Country Car Scheme Age UK Dorchester

Booking Number: 01308 862039

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection and shopping.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available for essential journeys.

Cost:

45p per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (9am - 5pm).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicle.

Areas served:

Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Melplash, Mosterton, Seaborough, Netherbury, Drimpton, Waytown, Blackdown, Hook.

General Enquires:

01308 862039

Contact name:

Mr Mike Bateman

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service.



Bridport & District Good Neighbours Scheme

Booking Number: Good Books - 01308 420483

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 12.00pm or leave a message)

A good neighbour service providing help for simple tasks and transport for hospital visiting and appointments, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection, shopping and other essential tasks

Eligibility:

Anyone who has transport difficulties

Cost:

Donation

Day of operation:

As required

Vehicle:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles

Area served:

Bridport and local surrounding area including West bay, Bothenhampton, Loders, Morcombelake, Chideock, Salway Ash

General enquiries:

01308 420483

Contact name:

Jackie Webb

No need to register for this service and where possible 48 hours notice required



Bride Valley to Bridport Dial a Bus

Booking Number: 01305 221059

Door to door dial a bus for shopping

Eligibility:

elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or access public transport

Cost:

£3.00 Concessionary passes can be used

Day of operation:

Wednesday into Bridport (except for first Wednesday of the month when to Dorchester)

Vehicle:

Wheelchair accessible vehicle

Area served:

The Bride Valley

General enquiries:

01305 221059

Contact name:

Dorset direct

Address:

Dorset County Council , County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

Email:

dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > community transport

Register to use this service. Book by telephone between 9.00 and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.



Bride Valley Area Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01308 425591

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists and prescription collection.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

Contribution of 40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Littlebredy, Long Bredy, Litton Cheney, Punknowle, Swyre, West Bexington, Chilcombe, Burton Bradstock, Shipton Gorge.

General Enquires:

01308 425591

Contact name:

Mrs. V. McShane

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service. If Mrs McShane cannot be contacted then telephone Mr Allen on 01308 897511



Crossways Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01305 853848

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, chiropodists, prescription collection.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Crossways, Owermoigne, Warmwell, Broadmayne, Affpuddle.

General Enquires:

01305 853848

Contact name:

Mr Bob Light

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service.



Dorchester Dial-a -Bus

Booking Number: 01305 221059

Door to door wheelchair accessible bus for transport for shopping.

Eligibility:

Elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or access public transport.

Cost:

From £1.00 single up to £2.50 return (depending on journey) + £1 registration fee.

Days of operation:

Wednesday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

In and around Dorchester, Charminster, Higher Charminster, Charlton Down, Stratton, Bradford Peverell, Broadmayne, Crossways.

General Enquires:

01305 221059

Contact name:

Dorset Direct

Address:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

Email:

dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com Community Transport

Register to use this service. To join the scheme applications need to be signed by a GP or professional carer. Book by telephone between 9am and 5pm - Monday to Friday.



Dorchester Neighbourcar Scheme

Booking Number: Sent to users once they become members

Eligibility:

Our service is able to offer transport for all health related appointments for those members of our communities who have a disability or are infirm and do not have access to or are unable to use public transport and have no other means of transport.

Cost:

60 pence per mile with a minimum charge of £2.50 plus any car parking charges.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteers own vehicles

Areas served:

Covering Dorchester and villages within a 5 mile radius of the town centre. (not to Bridport).

General Enquires:

General enquiries (not bookings): Administrator Joan Hutson
Telephone; 01305 269330

Those who wish to use the scheme need to complete a registration form available from the administrator. There is an annual membership fee of £5.00. New members will be sent an information card with the booking number and guidelines for using the service.



Maiden Newton Area Dorset Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01300 320969

Voluntary car scheme to connect with bus, coach and rail services and for any other essential trips for which there is no alternative transport, such as doctors appointments, chiropodists, dentist, opticians and hospital.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

Contribution of 40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Maiden Newton, Cattistock, Frome St.Quintin, Frome Vauchurch, Chilfrome, Toller Fratrum, Toller Porcorum, Wynford Eagle, West Compton, Compton Valence, Wraxell.

General Enquires:

01300 320969

Contact name:

Mrs Sally Falkingham

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service.



Netherbury Volunteer Drivers

Booking Number: 01308 488635

Voluntary car scheme providing access to essential services.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available for essential journeys.

Cost:

Free of charge.

Days of operation:

As required (within reason).

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Netherbury

General Enquires:

01308 488635

Contact name:

Mandy Alford

No need to register to use this service. Book by telephone 24 hours notice except in emergencies.



Puddletown NeighbourCar

Booking Number: Users call an **0800 number** which is disclosed to them only after registration with the scheme. Registration is available only to patients of the Puddletown GP surgery.

Voluntary car scheme for any health related appointments including support groups.

Eligibility:

Anyone who is registered with the Puddletown GP surgery and who is infirm or has a disability and is not able to use or does not have access to public transport and other people on the advice of the GP surgery at Puddletown

Cost:

45p per mile, charge starts from local drivers home. (Minimum charge of £1.50)

Days of operation:

Weekdays (weekends only in emergency and only if a driver is available)

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Those villages served by the GP at Puddletown, within a 5 mile radius.

General Enquires:

Co-ordinator Mike Chaney on 01305 848352

Email:

chaneatly@tiscali.co.uk

Must register first using contact number. There is a one off £5.00 registration fee. All drivers are criminal record bureau checked.



SCAT Bus

Booking Number: 01258 473154

Sherborne Community Accessible Transport. Door-to-door demand responsive service in North West Dorset enabling access to shopping, visiting friends, medical appointments and much more.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has difficulty using public transport and all persons over 60 years.

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5. Concessionary Fares apply

Days of operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Sherborne and North West Dorset villages.

General Enquires:

01258 472164

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Address:

NORDCAT, Unit 4a Butts Pond Industrial Estate,
Sturminster Newton DT10 1AZ

Email:

info@nordcat.org.uk

Register to use this service & book 24 hours in advance between 9am and 4pm. Buses available for community groups to borrow at a competitive rate.



Sherborne Good Neighbours

Booking Numbers: 01935 815806, 812238 or 814490

Good Neighbours offer assistance to all, of any age, who would welcome some neighbourly help including transport for shopping and essential trips.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly.

Cost:

30p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Batcombe, Beer Hackett, Bishops Caundle, Bradford Abbas, Castleton, Caundle Marsh, Chetnole, Clifton Maybank, Folke, Goathill, Haydon, Hermitage, Hilfield, Holnest, Holwell, Leigh, Nether Compton, North Wootton, Osborne, Over Compton, Sherborne, Stockwood, Thornford, Trent, Yetmister

General enquiries:

01935 815806 Secretary Mr Mike Hatch

01935 817439 Chairman Mr David Smith

Email:

barsmith@ctlconnect.co.uk

No need to register to use this service.



Sherborne Voluntary Ambulance

Booking Number: 01935 814079

Community Bus available with driver to hire by local organisations for shopping, leisure, cultural & social activities or for group outings at weekends.

Eligibility:

Disabled/mobility impaired, elderly.

Cost:

65p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

17-seater minibus with tail-lift, wheelchair accessible, low floor/step.

Areas served:

Bradford Abbas, Nether Compton and Sherborne.

General enquires:

01935 814079

Contact name:

Mr Michael Nurton

Email:

mike@nurton.eclipse.co.uk

Register to use this service.



South Perrott and Chedington Area Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01935 891625

Voluntary car scheme providing transport for hospital, doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, prescription collection and shopping.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

South Perrott, Chedington.

General Enquires:

01935 891625

Contact name:

Mrs J Osborne

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

Book by telephone preferably 24 hours notice.



Sydling St Nicholas Country Car Scheme

Booking Number: 01300 342192

Voluntary car scheme for hospital and doctors appointments.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

Minimum 40p per mile. Contribution based on mileage travelled.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Frampton, Sydling St. Nicholas, Bradford Peverell, Grimstone, Stratton, Up Sydling.

General Enquires:

01300 342192

Contact name:

Emma Spurgin

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service.



Thorncombe Country Car Scheme

Booking Numbers: 01460 30464 or 01460 30428

Voluntary car scheme to connect with bus, coach and rail services, for hospital and doctors appointments and for any other essential trips for which there is no alternative transport.

Eligibility:

Anyone for whom there is no public transport service available or unable to use public transport for essential journeys.

Cost:

40p per mile.

Days of operation:

As required.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

Parish of Thorncombe

General Enquires:

01460 30464

Contact name:

Mrs Meg Terrett

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

No need to register to use this service.



TRIP Community Transport

Booking Numbers: 01404 46529

Voluntary car service for medical appointments only, doctors, dentist, hospital.

Eligibility:

Elderly or disabled people

Cost:

Set charge for local journeys £4.00 for other destinations based on 45 pence per mile.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Vehicles:

Volunteers own cars

Areas served:

Lyme Regis, Charmouth and Uplyme

General enquiries:

01404 46529

Email:

trip.cta@virgin.net

No need to register.



Yeo Valley Health Transport

Booking Numbers: 01258 473154

Yeo Valley Health Transport aims to help those in and around Sherborne who currently lack reliable and affordable transport to and from their health related appointments. In addition, Yeo Valley Health Transport intends to be a solution for envisaged future transport needs in relation to health appointments.

Yeo Valley Health Transport has two main logistical aims:

- To transport people from Sherborne and its surrounding villages to and from health appointments in Sherborne and;
- To transport people from Sherborne and its surrounding villages to health appointments

Eligibility:

For people of any age living in and around Sherborne for health appointments only

Cost:

50p per mile

Days of operation:

7 days a week, although the phone line is open 10-5, Monday- Friday

Vehicles:

A range of privately owned cars. Also one minivan with wheelchair access

Areas served:

Loosely, clients living in the DT9 area. Will travel to health appointments across the south west.

General enquiries:

01258 473154

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Email:

yeovalleyhealthtransport.org.uk

yeovalleyhealthtransport@gmail.com

No prior registration needed



Weymouth and Portland

Island Community Action (ICA) Community Car Service

Booking Number: 01305 823789

Community Car Service, giving access to hospital GP and other medical appointments, dentist, prescription collection, shopping, and helping individuals get to social events e.g. coffee mornings, lunch clubs, exercise classes etc

Eligibility:

Those in need of transport.

Cost:

Donations only.

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday (weekends occasionally possible with suitable notice)

Vehicles:

Car carrying a maximum of 4 passengers.

Areas served:

Portland and immediate surrounding areas only

General enquires:

01305 823789

Contact name:

Jackie Carpenter

Email:

islandcommunityaction@btconnect.com

No need to register to use this service.



Weymouth Community Transport

Booking Number: 01305 783999

A Voluntary Driving Scheme for elderly members of our community, who do not qualify for Hospital Transport or do not have access to their own transport, to attend medical appointments.

Eligibility:

Anyone over 55 and mobility impaired. Or referred by a GP or Hospital.

Cost:

We charge a one off Registration Fee of £5.00 and a suggested donation of 50p per mile. (As an example a wait and return trip from Weymouth Dorchester Hospital would be £12.10)

Days of operation:

Weekdays

(Evenings and Weekends if driver available)

Bookings taken between 10.00am & 3pm daily.

Vehicles:

Our volunteers use their own vehicles, and we have both male and female are Disclosure and Barring checked drivers. Documentation is regularly checked, and ID badges are worn.

Areas served:

We cover all areas of Weymouth & Portland, Osmington, and travel as far as required eg; Winterbourne, Blandford, Southampton, Poole, and Dorchester. Quotes available for longer journeys

General Enquires:

01305 783999

Contact name:

Caroline Greening

Email:

Caroline.Greening@WCV.org.uk

Part of Weymouth Community Volunteers



Weymouth & Portland Dial-a-Bus

Booking Number: 01305 221059

Door to door dial-a-bus for shopping.

Eligibility:

Elderly or mobility impaired who cannot use or access public transport.

Cost:

From £1 single fare up to £3 return (depending on journey) + £1 initial registration fee.

Days of operation:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday into Weymouth Town Centre (Except first Wednesday of the month when to Dorchester)

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

Portland, Weymouth, Upwey, Broadwey, Preston, Overcombe, Chickerell, Wyke Regis, Westham, Southill, Rodwell, Radipole

General Enquires:

01305 221059

Contact name:

Dorset Direct

Address:

Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

Email:

dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Website:

www.dorsetforyou.com > Travelling > Transport > Community Transport

To join the scheme applications need to be signed by a GP or professional carer. Book by telephone between 9am and 5pm - Monday to Friday. Register to use this service. .



Countywide

British Red Cross - Transport & Escort Service

Booking Numbers: 01823 273707

Voluntary car scheme to transport clients to medical appointments.

Eligibility:

Anyone with no access to public transport or unable to use public transport. A door to door service.

Cost:

50p per mile plus donation

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday.

Vehicles:

Volunteer drivers own vehicles.

Areas served:

All of Dorset, depending on availability of drivers

General Enquires:

01823 273707

Address:

Transport & Escort Service, British Red Cross, Lighterage Hill, Newham, Truro, Cornwall TR1 2XR

Fax:

01823 273701

Website:

www.redcross.org.uk

No need to register to use this service.



NORDCAT Dial -a-Ride

Booking Number: 01258 473 154

North Dorset Community Accessible Transport - providing a door-to-door demand responsive service enabling access to shopping, visiting friends, medical appointments and much more.

Eligibility:

Anyone who has difficulty using public transport and all persons over 60 years.

Cost:

Annual registration fee £5. Concessionary Fares apply

Days of operation:

Monday to Friday plus once a week to larger towns eg. Poole, Bournemouth, Clarks Centre (Street), Exeter, Salisbury & Dorchester.

Vehicles:

Wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Areas served:

North Dorset towns and villages and other areas in the county. Please make further enquiries.

General Enquires:

01258 472164

Contact name:

Helen Reed

Address:

Unit 4a Butts Pond Industrial Estate, Sturminster Newton DT10 1AZ

Fax:

01258 472909

Email:

info@nordcat.org.uk

Must register to use services & book 24 hours in advance between 9am and 4pm. Buses available for community groups to hire at a competitive rate.







All leaflets can be made available in audio tape, large print and Braille, or alternative languages on request.