

Volunteering with Green Community Travel!

What does Voluntary Minibus Driving involve?



What do you need to do? Get in touch with us at GCT and we will invite you into the office for a chat (and a cup of tea!) We will chat about your driving history and explain a bit more about the history of GCT. We will ask you to complete a Driver Record Form and also arrange a DBS Check. If you have a D1 on your licence you can drive our largest 2 vehicles, but if you don't you can still drive many of our minibuses! Voluntary Minibus Drivers also need to undergo a MiDAS Assessment. This can be done locally and is a 2 day course which focuses on driving skills in a larger vehicle as well as the theory involved with accessible transport. We have it on good authority is much more pleasant than a driving test so please don't be put off by this! Sometimes they even give you biscuits!



Voluntary Minibus Drivers are emailed or called with journey requests. Some drivers prefer to offer a set day, some prefer to pick which journeys they are able to do. When a driver has agreed to a journey, we send the details via email or in the post.

The Groups that use us vary from local primary schools to charities and community groups. Some of the journeys involve taking passengers from different addresses to one location and some of them involve collecting a group of passengers from one place. For trips that are out for a day sometimes volunteers are included so sometimes volunteers get to visit some local attractions too! Return times for these journeys are arranged when the group books.



Many of the groups that use us need the accessible minibuses as the passengers need to use the side step or tail lift. Some passengers need to travel in wheelchairs but it is up to a volunteer if they wish to transport wheelchairs, this is something we would discuss when we meet with a new volunteer. Passengers sometimes need to take rollators/zimmer frames with them, or walking sticks. If we transport children or young people they always travel with a teacher, group leader or responsible adult. By being able to provide groups with a voluntary driver we are able to keep costs lower for the groups that use us.



Our volunteers enjoy being able to visit local attractions and meet new people, of all ages and backgrounds! They get a 'feel good factor' by taking people on outings that they get a lot of enjoyment from, this service really benefits our local community.

If you think you could help us and join our brilliant organisation then please call us on 01454 228706 or email us at admin@greencommunitytravel.co.uk. We are always happy to answer any questions or queries and we hope to hear from you soon!