

# Volunteering with Green Community Travel!

## What does Voluntary Car Driving involve?



What do you need to do? You need to tell your insurance company that you are doing 'Social Car Driving' your insurance company is not allowed to charge you any more for adding this! We ask potential volunteers to come into the office to meet the team and ask about your driving history, and ask you to complete a Driver Record Form, we then arrange some shadowing and do a DBS Check.



Voluntary Car 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.



On the day of the journey, the driver arrives at the passenger's home and knocks on their door, the passenger comes out and sits in their vehicle and then they take them to their destination. GCT ask passengers how long they are going to be. If they are going to be 1.5 hours or less, we ask drivers to wait for them. If they are going to be longer we do a double journey, so the passenger would be dropped off and then give you a call when they are ready to return. Passengers pay £0.45 per mile directly to the volunteer, this mileage starts from the Volunteer's Home. This is payable at the end of the journey. Any parking costs are covered by the Passenger and we let Volunteers know some suitable places in the local area where they can wait for passengers if necessary.



The driver then goes home and when convenient returns their completed paperwork to the GCT office. Some passengers need to take a walking stick or a rollator but GCT ask these details when the passenger books. Some of our Volunteers are unable to accommodate rollators so this is taken into account when we discuss a potential journey. The passengers are all able to get into cars of their own esteem.

What does this mean to our passengers?

It means they can attend their important medical and hospital appointments and retain their independence! Many of our volunteers enjoy knowing that they are helping someone that would otherwise be stuck and the drivers and passengers have some wonderful conversations! Our Volunteers know what important work they are doing and how much they are benefiting 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](mailto:admin@greencommunitytravel.co.uk). We are always happy to answer any questions or queries and we hope to hear from you soon!