



# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

DIRECTORY 2023

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# Northamptonshire ACRE



“Working with rural communities to improve the quality of life for all”

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), is a countywide, independent charitable organisation working with rural communities in Northamptonshire to improve their quality of life, especially the disadvantaged. For 75 years we have been supporting rural communities in the county. Our focus is and always has been on community development and engagement including helping groups to access funds for projects.

- We work with local communities to reduce rural isolation and vulnerability.
- We help make life more affordable for those living in rural areas.
- We help to deliver improved services for these communities. This can be through better communications links, strong community facilities or more accessible education and health services.
- We support and advise rural community groups on a wide range of issues and encourage local action and participation in decision-making
- We campaign to ensure that the interests of people living in rural Northamptonshire are taken into account in policy making and strategic planning affecting the County



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# Community Transport

Community transport providers in Northamptonshire provide a valuable and often essential service to vulnerable people. Poor rural bus networks cause isolation and push more people into poverty.



Community transport schemes across Northamptonshire help 1000s of people reach doctors and hospital appointments and take them to fetch groceries.

More than ever your local community transport provider needs support. The story across the county is one of struggling organisations fighting for survival, short of funds, volunteer drivers and overwhelmed with demand.

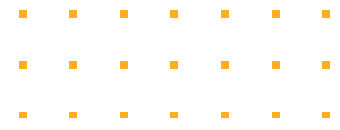
## How can you help?

Can you volunteer time as a volunteer driver or in an admin role?

If you can afford to, make a donation to your local transport provider.

Contact your local councillor and let them know how important your transport scheme is to you.

# How to use this directory

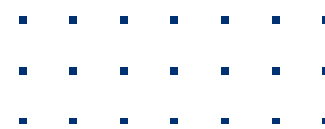


1. Start by finding your parish or community, these are listed alphabetically from page 5. Schemes available in your community will be shown using a scheme number, in a small number of cases this may be blank indicating we are unaware of any schemes that may be operating in your community.

2. Each scheme has been allocated a scheme number, you can use this number to find out more information about the schemes in your area on pages 16 to 37.

3. We have broken the schemes up into 6 categories, you can find more about the types of scheme available on pages 4-6.

# Types of scheme



## Car Schemes



These offer a service for essential journeys when public transport is not an option. Journeys are traditionally for medical appointments although some providers do offer travel for other reasons. Transport providers usually need 48 hours notice of a journey in order to match a vehicle and driver. Drivers may act as escorts. Fares are based on mileage covered and some organisations may operate a membership scheme

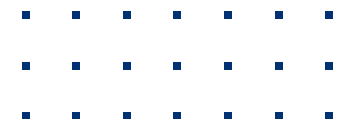


## Dial-a-ride



This service offers a minibus (often with a passenger lift) when public transport is not an option. Usually they operate on local journeys and are booked in advance. Fares are either based on mileage covered or there is a set rate for a journey. Users of Dial-A-Ride may have to be members of the scheme. Some schemes can accept the concessionary bus passes

# Types of scheme



## Community minibus



These are registered local bus services and serve areas not covered by commercial bus operators. There are set fares for each journey covered. Some do accept Concessionary Bus Passes (after 09:30)



## Group travel/ hire



These schemes have a variety of vehicles including wheelchair accessible minibuses available for hire by Community Groups/Clubs with or without a driver. Costs are based on distance covered and time the driver is needed for. Some local trips can fit in around other journeys not requiring the driver to wait. Drivers must be MiDAS trained although some schemes can arrange training.

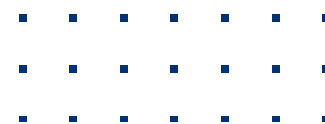


## Shopmobility



Shopmobility is a scheme that lends manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs and powered scooters to members of the public with limited mobility, to shop and to visit leisure and commercial facilities within a town, city or shopping centre.

# Types of scheme



## Good Neighbours Schemes



Good Neighbour Schemes are community projects run and delivered by groups of local volunteers. Help is given to those in need free of charge although a reasonable charge is usually made for transport mileage.

Good Neighbour Schemes respond to the needs of local people by providing help with activities such as:

Befriending, home visiting, companionship, someone to go to social events with, Dog walking and caring for pets during holiday or illness, Errands and shopping, Filling in forms, writing letters, reading and help to use computers and the internet, Gardening, Giving lifts to a GP surgery, clinic, hospital, Day Centre, other appointments, Household tasks including tuning televisions, changing light bulbs and smoke alarms

To find your local scheme please contact Northamptonshire ACRE.

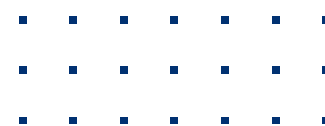
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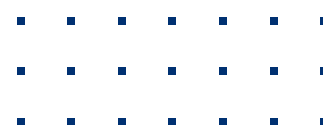


# Village lists



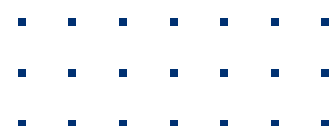
Community	Car Scheme	Group hire	Dial-a-ride	Community bus	Good Neighbours
Abthorpe	17	1	1	1	
Achurch	18				
Adstone	17	1	1	1	
Alderton	17	1	1	1	
Aldwincle	18			5	
Althorp	3	3		5	
Apethorpe	18				
Armston	18				
Arthingworth	3	3, 7		5	
Ashby St Ledgers	3	3			
Ashley	15	7	7	19	
Ashton	18			5	
Ashton- Roade	17	1	1	1	
Astcote	17	1	1	1	
Aston le Walls	13	1	1	1	
Aynho	2	1	1	1	
Badby	3	3			
Barby	3	3		5	
Barnwell	18			5	
Barton Seagrave	15			5	
Benefield	18				
Billing	11	12	12		
Blakesley	17	1	1	1	
Blatherwycke	18				
Blisworth	17	1	1	1	22
Boddington	13	1	1	1	22
Boughton	3	3		5	
Bozeat	15			5, 15, 21	22
Brackley	2, 17	1	1	1	22
Bradden	17	1	1	1	
Brafield on the Green				21	
Brampton Ash	15	7	7	5	
Braunston	3	3			22
Braybrooke	15	7	7	5	
Brigstock	18			5	
Brington	3	3		5	
Brixworth	3	3			
Brockhall	3	3			
Broughton	15			5	
Buckby Wharf	3	3			
Bugbrooke	17	1	1	1	
Bulwick	18				
Burton Latimer	15			5	
Byfield	3, 13	1, 3	1	1	22

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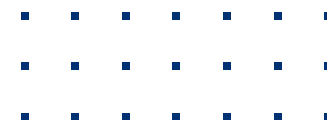
Community	Car Scheme	Group hire	Dial-a-ride	Community bus	Good Neighbours
Caldecote		1	1	1	
Canons Ashby	3	3			
Castle Ashby					
Catesby	3	3			
Chacombe	2	1	1	1	
Chapel Brampton	3	3		5	
Charlton	13, 2				
Charwelton	3	1, 3	1	1	
Chelveston cum Caldecott	16			5	
Chipping Warden and Edgcote	13	1	1	1	22
Church Brampton	3	3			
Church Stowe	3	3			
Clay Coton	3	3		5	
Clipston	3	3		5	
Clopton	18				
Cogenhoe				21	
Cold Ashby	3	3		5	
Cold Higham		1	1	1	
Collingtree	11, 12	1	1, 12	1	
Collyweston	18				
Corby				5	
Cosgrove	17	1	1	1	
Coton	3	3			
Cotterstock	18				
Cottesbrooke	3	3		5	
Cottingham		7	7	5, 19	
Courteenhall		1	1	1	
Cranford	15			5	
Cransley	15	7	7	5	
Creaton	3	3		5	
Crick	3	3		5	22
Croughton	2	1	1	1	
Culworth		1	1	1	
Daventry	3	3	3		
Deanshanger	17	1	1	1	22
Deene	18				
Deenethorpe	18				
Denford	16			5	
Denton					
Desborough	15	8		5, 8	22
Dingley	15	7	7	5, 7	
Dodford	3	3			
Draughton	3	3		5	
Duddington with Fineshade	18				

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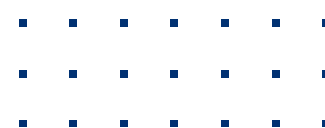
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Duncote	17	1	1	1	
Duston	11	1	1, 12	1	
Earls Barton	4, 15			5, 15	
East Carlton		7	7	5, 19	
East Farndon	3	3		5	
East Haddon	3	3		5	
East Hunsbury	11	1	1,12	1	22
Eastcote	17	1	1	1	
Easton Maudit	15			15	
Easton Neston					
Easton on the Hill	18				
Ecton	15			5	
Edgecote		1	1	1	
Elkington	3	3		5	
Evenley	2	1	1	1	22
Everdon	3	3			
Eydon	13	1	1	1	
Farthinghoe	2	1	1	1	
Farthingstone	3, 17	3			
Fawsley	3	3			
Finedon	15			5, 15	
Flore	3, 17	3			
Fosters Booth	17				
Fotheringhay	18				
Gayton	17			6	
Geddington	15			5	22
Glaphorn	18				
Grafton Regis	17	1	1	1	
Grafton Underwood	15			5	
Grange Park	11	1	1	1	22
Great Addington	16			5	
Great Brington	3	3			
Great Doddington	15			5, 15	
Great Harrowden	15			5	
Great Houghton	11		1	1, 21	
Great Oakley					
Great Oxendon	3	3		5	
Greatworth	2	1	1	1	
Greens Norton	17	1	1	1	
Grendon	15			5, 15, 21	
Gretton				5, 19	
Grimscote	17	1	1	1	
Guilsborough	3	3		5	
Hackleton		1	1	1	

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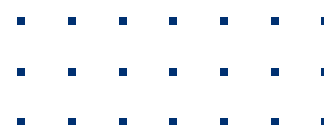
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Halse					
Hannington	3	3			
Hanslope	17				
Hardingstone	11	1, 12	1, 12	1	
Hardwick	15			5	
Hargrave	16				
Harlestone	3	3			
Harpole	17	1	1	1	
Harrington	15	7	7	5	
Harringworth	18				
Hartwell	17	1	1	1	
Haselbech	3	3		5	
Hellidon	3	3			
Helmdon	17	1	1	1	
Hemington	18				
Higham Ferrers	16			5	
Hinton in the Hedges	2	1	1	1	
Holcot	3	3		5	
Holdenby	3	3		5	
Hollowell	3	3		5	
Horton		1	1	1	
Hulcote		1	1	1	
Irchester	16, 15			5, 15	
Irthlingborough	16			5	
Isham	15			5, 15	
Islip	18			5	
Kelmarsh	3	3		5	
Kettering	15			5	
Kilsby	3	3			22
King's Cliffe	18				
Kings Sutton	2	1	1	1	
Kislingbury	17	1	1	1	
Lamport	3	3		5	
Laxton	18				
Lilbourne	3	3, 9		5, 9	
Lilford cum Wigsthorpe	18			5 (lilford only)	
Litchborough	17	1	1	1	
Little Addington	16			5	
Little Brington	3	3			
Little Harrowden	15			5, 15	
Little Houghton				21	
Little Irchester	15, 16				
Little Oakley	15				

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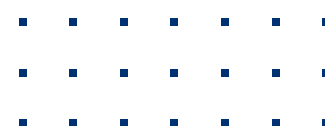
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Loddington	15			5	
Long Buckby	3	1, 3	1	1, 5	22
Lower Benefield	18				
Lower Boddington	13	1	1	1	
Lower Weedon	3	3			
Lowick	18			5	
Luddington	18				
Lutton	18				
Maidford	17, 13	1	1	1	
Maidwell	3	3		5	
Marston St Lawrence	2	1	1	1	
Marston Trussell	3	3		5	
Mawsley	15			5	
Mears Ashby	15, 4			5, 15	
Middleton		7	7	5, 19	
Middleton Cheney	2	1	1	1	22
Milton Malsor	17	1	1	1	
Moreton Pinkney	17, 13	1	1	1	
Moulton	10, 3	3		5	22
Naseby	3	3		5	
Nassington	18				
Nether Heyford	17	1	1	1	
Newbottle and Charlton	2	1	1	1	
Newnham	3	3			
Newton and Little Oakley	15			5	
Newton Bromswold	16				
Northampton	11	1	12		
Norton	3	1, 3	1	1	
Old	3	3		5	
Old Stratford	17	1	1	1	
Orlingbury	15			5, 15	
Orton	15			5	
Oundle	18			5	
Overstone	4, 3	3		5, 15	
Overthorpe		1	1	1	
Pattishall	17	1	1	1	
Paulerspury	17	1	1	1	
Piddington		1	1	1	
Pilton	18			5	
Pipewell	15				
Pitsford	3	3		5	
Polebrook	18				
Potterspury	17	1	1	1	
Preston Capes	3	3			

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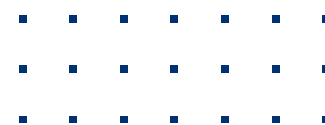
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Preston Deanery		1	1	1	
Pury End	17	1	1	1	
Pytchley	15			5	
Quinton		1	1	1	
Radstone	2	1	1	1	
Raunds	16			5	
Ravensthorpe	3	3		5	
Ringstead	16			5	
Roade	17	1	1	1	
Rockingham		7	7	5, 19	
Rothersthorpe	17	1	1	1	
Rothwell	15	8		5, 8	22
Rushden	16			5	
Rushton	15			5, 14	
Scaldwell	3	3		5	
Shutlanger	17	1	1	1	
Sibbertoft	3	3		5	
Silverstone	17	1	1	1	
Slapton	17	1	1	1	
Slipton	18				
Southwick	18				
Spratton	3	3		5	
Stanford	3	3			
Stanion				5	
Stanwick	16			5	
Staverton	3	3			
Stoke Albany	15	7	7	5, 19	
Stoke Bruerne	17	1	1	1	
Stoke Doyle	18			5	
Stowe IX Churches	3, 17	3			
Strixton	15			5	
Sudborough	18			5	
Sulby	3	3		5	
Sulgrave	17	1	1	1	
Sutton Bassett	15	7	7	19	
Syresham	17	1	1	1	
Sywell	4, 15			15	
Tansor	18				
Thenford	2	1	1	1	
Thornby	3	3		5	
Thorpe Achurch				5	
Thorpe Malsor	15	7	7	5	
Thorpe Mandeville	2	1	1	1	
Thorpe Waterville	18				

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Thrapston	18			5	
Thurning	18				
Tiffield	17			6	
Titchmarsh	18			5	
Towcester	17	1	1	1	
Twywell	18			5	
Upper Benefield	18				
Upper Boddington		1	1	1	
Upper Catesby	3	3			
Upper Harlestone	3	3			
Upper Heyford	17	1	1	1	
Upper Stowe	3	3			
Upton	11	1, 12	1	1	
Wadenhoe	18			5	
Wakerley	18				
Walgrave	3	3		5	
Wappenham	17	1	1	1	
Warkton	15			5	
Warkworth	2	1	1	1	
Warmington	18				
Watford	3	1, 3	1	1, 5	
Weedon Bec	3	3			
Weedon Lois	17	1	1	1	
Weekley	15			5	
Weldon				5	
Welford	3	3		5	
Wellingborough	15			5	
Welton	3	3			22
West Haddon	3	3		5	
West Hunsbury	11	1, 12	1	1	
Weston & Plumpton	17	1	1	1	
Weston and Weedon	17				
Weston by Welland	15	7	7	19	
Whilton	3	3			
Whiston		1		21	
Whitfield		1	1	1	
Whittlebury	17	1	1	1	
Wicken	17	1	1	1	
Wigsthorpe	18				
Wilbarston	15	7	7	5, 19	
Wilby	15			5	
Winwick	3	3		5	
Wollaston	15			5, 15, 21	22
Woodend	17	1	1	1	

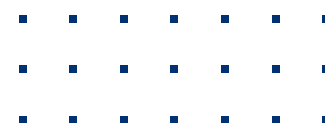
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Woodford	16			5	
Woodford cum Membris	3, 16	1, 3	1	1	
Woodford Halse	13, 3	1, 3	1	1	22
Woodnewton	18		20		
Wootton	11	1, 12	1	1	
Yardley Gobion	17	1	1	1	
Yardley Hastings		1	1	1	
Yarwell	18				
Yelvertoft	3	3			



# Scheme Numbers



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Website: [www.abilitycic.org.uk/](http://www.abilitycic.org.uk/)  
Email: [info@abilitycic.org.uk](mailto:info@abilitycic.org.uk)

Everyone is welcome, your local Bus Service provides a service for your area. Payment for fares by cash or card and valid Concessionary Bus Passes are accepted.

The bus service is available across the rural communities of South Northants and Northampton south providing a weekly bus service to the main shopping areas of Daventry, Towcester, Brackley, Banbury and Northampton, the service operates 5 days a week.

ABILITY also offer an affordable PLUS service which allows for pickups from home or a location close to home, assistance on and off the bus, and increased advanced booking periods. PLUS service registration also gives access to its trips, excursions and lunch events around the county to reduce social isolation and loneliness in rural communities.

Group travel service, local not-for-profit groups can book a minibus with a MiDAS trained and DBS Enhanced checked driver.

They also offer Minibus training through the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS).



# Brackley Car Scheme (SNVB)

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Brackley Car Scheme  
(SNVB) South Northants Volunteer Bureau

Address: The Volunteer Centre, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD

Telephone: 01280 841099 (9am-1pm Mon- Fri)

Website: [https://www.snvb.org.uk/projects-and\[1\]services/brackley-area-volunteer-car-service/](https://www.snvb.org.uk/projects-and[1]services/brackley-area-volunteer-car-service/)

Area Covered: Brackley and surrounding villages (where WNC is local authority)

Further Information: Anyone (children must be accompanied by an adult) who is unable to get to medical and social care appointments.

Membership is £30 per annum

Mileage Charge is £0.45 (Minimum charge of £3.50)



# Daventry Area Community Transport (DACT)

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- Car Scheme
- Dial-a-ride
- Days out
- Group hire
- Village travel clubs
- MIDAS Training
- Mobility Equipment Hire & Sale

Contact: 01327 701665 (Transport Office) 01327 312555 (Mobility)  
Website: <https://www.dact.uk.com/>

## Dial-a-ride

Home-to-town bus service, available to all 65 and overs in Daventry town - it's free! (in partnership with Daventry Town Council)  
Every Friday morning, collecting individuals from their homes and dropping them off in the town centre - and later taking them home again.

## Car Scheme

Available to all 65 and overs, a Volunteer driver picks you up from your home, to take you to your Hospital, Health Centre, Optician or Dentist appointment, wait with you and bring you back, offering assistance along the way when needed. The cost is minimal to cover the drivers mileage.



# Earls Barton Help Scheme



Telephone: 07944171188  
(9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday)

Please leave a message if there is no answer and we will call you back.

Area covered: Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Overstone, Sywell  
Eligibility: Elderly and disabled living in the villages or if your doctor's practice is in the village

Medical Appointments only

Cost: £0.45 per mile

# CommMiniBus

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## Make use of our FREE trips for bus pass holders

- 👍 Weekly shopper bus routes & trips to selected destinations
- 👍 FREE bus pass travel to most destinations
- 👍 Best for shopping, getting active or leisure trips
- 👍 Social club on wheels - join other users on our chatty bus!

Check upcoming trips:



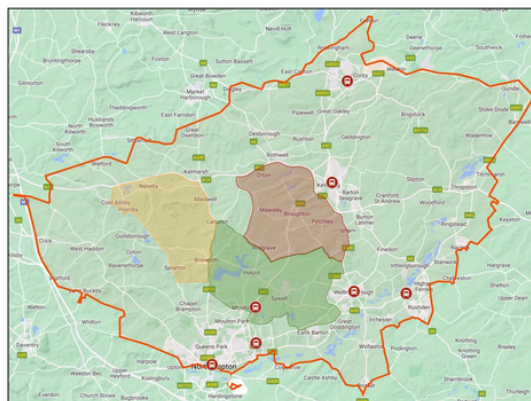
### Zones currently covered:

#### Brixworth Zone -

Brixworth, Cold Ashby, Cottesbrooke, Creaton, Haselbech, Naseby, Spratton & Thornby

#### Mawsley Zone -

Broughton, Harrowden, Great Cransley, Little Cransley, Loddington, Mawsley, Old, Orlingbury, Orton, Pytchley, Thorpe Malsor & Walgrave.



Free bus pass travel within the above area

### To set up a new service / for more information:

- Call / text **07888 011 891**
- email [info@cmbus.org](mailto:info@cmbus.org)
- fill in a form on [cmbus.org](http://cmbus.org)

#### Overstone zone -

Hannington, Holcot, Hardwick, Lamport, Moulton, Overstone, Overstone Gate, Pitsford, Scaldwell & Sywell

# Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus



Website:

<http://www.gaytonnorthants.co.uk/services/minibus/index.html>

Telephone: 01327 353352

A scheduled bus service running on Tuesdays and Fridays with published official times. Bus passes can be used. Covering Gayton & Tiffield. Routes to Towcester and Northampton.

Timetables available on the website.

# Harborough Community Minibus



Harborough Community Bus (HCB) is a small charity local to Market Harborough which runs minibuses for community groups and certain individuals. It is not a typical "bus service" and is only available to be used by members.

They are a local charity and you or your group has to be from the Market Harborough area to join.

After that you can become a member if you are a community group or need transport because of age, sickness, disability or poverty.

To become a member simply contact the charity:

Email is the best way to reach them:

harboroughcommunitybus@gmail.com

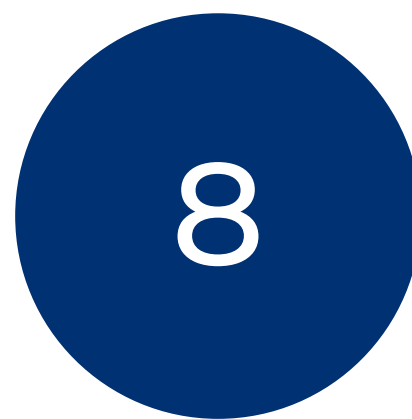
Phone: 0300 365 3210

Website: <http://www.harboroughcommunitybus.co.uk/>

They charge a small amount to cover the running costs of the buses. Typically, this is about £30 for something local around Harborough. For longer trips it works out just over £1.00 per mile for the round trip. For the journeys they regularly travel, they have a list of prices.



# Desborough and Rothwell Community Transport



Telephone Number 01536 763916

E-Mail [bookings@desboroughcommunitytransport.org.uk](mailto:bookings@desboroughcommunitytransport.org.uk)

Website [www.desboroughcommunitytransport.org.uk](http://www.desboroughcommunitytransport.org.uk)

Area Covered: Desborough and Rothwell

Purpose of Journey: Any

Organisations involving sports, Scouting and Guides, school trips, retirees looking for excursion and entertainment, and a variety of others have used it.

The costs have been minimal for them because the minibus drivers have been unpaid, frequently coming from their own organisation provided they have the equivalent of a Midas qualification. So, all for a small fee and their own provision of fuel (unless they wished to pay by the mile) many have enjoyed this service.

Cost: Contact provider for cost detail

# Lilbourne Community Minibus



Lilbourne Parish Council, Lilbourne, Northamptonshire CV23 0SX

Mobile number:

07737 377825

Email address:

[lilbourneminibus@gmail.com](mailto:lilbourneminibus@gmail.com)

Website:

<http://www.parish-council.com/Lilbourne>

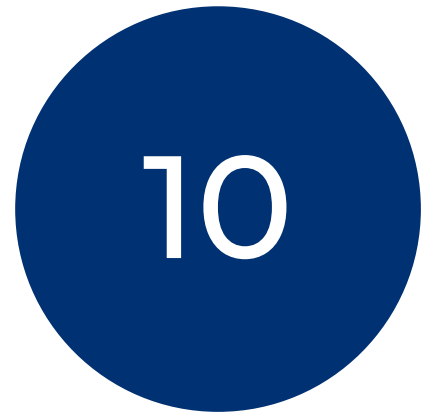
## Service description:

The Lilbourne Village Minibus carries children to and from Yelvertoft Primary School on a daily basis, and also carries villagers into Rugby two or three times a week.

The minibus seats 16 plus the driver and is available for local private hire (but not self-drive hire).

Cost: Contact provider for cost detail

# Moulton Volunteer Car Scheme



Moulton Volunteer Car Scheme  
Moulton residents only: medical appointments only.  
The charge is 45p per mile.  
Contact: Rachael Warr (Community Connector)  
01604 642202

# Northampton Volunteer Car Scheme

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Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire  
Car Scheme office Tel: 01604 628234  
Email: carscheme@voluntaryimpact.org.uk.

Primarily for medically related appointments within the Borough of Northampton. The scheme is also able to do a limited number of 'long distance' medical appointments such as to Hospitals in neighbouring Counties.

The Scheme has recently expanded to take passengers to well-being classes and support groups as well as preventative classes.

To register please call the Car Scheme Office on 01604 628234. A member of staff will discuss your eligibility and explain the scheme further. A membership form will then sent to you for completion.

There is an annual membership fee of £25.00 for 12 months. The driver is paid 45p/ mile for any part of the journey when a passenger is not in the vehicle and 50p/ mile once the passenger has been picked up and are in the vehicle. This is to cover the drivers' expenses. There is a minimum charge of £2.50 per trip.



# Northampton Door to Door

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Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire  
15 St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1JA  
Tel: 01604 583 553 email: [ndds@voluntaryimpact.org.uk](mailto:ndds@voluntaryimpact.org.uk)

Northampton Door to Door offer supportive transport on adapted minibuses for residents in the Borough of Northampton 5 days a week. This includes a dedicated shopping bus to most major supermarkets. Passengers can request their preferred destination and it can include appointments, day centres, social visits, shopping and more.

We have two offers:

1. Our Basic Demand Responsive Service (DRS) is free for non-assisted travel where the minibus will arrive at the appointed time in a place nearest to the passengers' address. They will wait for a few minutes and then move on to the next pickup. These journeys can be booked one day in advance.

2. The Full NDDS Door-to-Door Membership is £25 per year and is an door to door service where the drivers will pick up from the member's address (or specified location), help them to and from the minibus, assist with shopping and other goods on and off the bus and to the front door if required. NDDS Door-to-Door membership users get priority booking for the bus and in addition can book our Shopping Service and Lunch Club outings.

Users no longer travel for free with a valid bus pass. There is a £1 charge for each leg of the journey

Everyone who wishes to use our service is required to be a member.

# Rural wheels

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Telephone:  
01327 262153  
07791 438043  
(8.00am – 6.00pm)

Area Covered: Byfield Medical Centre area  
Type of Scheme: Voluntary Car Scheme  
Eligibility: Elderly, disabled and those in need  
Purpose of Journey : Medically related given priority  
Fees available on request

# Rushton Community Minibus

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Coordinator & Administrator- Mike Brightman

Telephone Number- 07850236833

Email address – RushtonCMB@outlook.com

Website - [www.rushtonparishcouncil.org.uk/rushton-community-minibus/](http://www.rushtonparishcouncil.org.uk/rushton-community-minibus/)

## Service Description

The Rushton Community Minibuses is owned and operated by Rushton Parish Council on a not-for-profit basis, and all income from fares, concessionary fares and privates hire is used to operate and maintain the vehicle for the Rushton Parish Community.

The Rushton Community Minibus is Managed, Administered, Driven and Maintained by a team of local volunteers. All our drivers have undertaken and have been approved by MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) a national recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers.

## Regular Weekly Shopping Trips:

Great Oakley – Every Monday (excluding bank holidays) departing Rushton Village at 10:00. Providing a choice of supermarkets either Aldi Supermarket Great Oakley or Morrisons Supermarket Great Oakley. Returning to Rushton at 12:00.

Peel Centre & Asda Corby Retail Park – Every Friday (excluding bank holidays) departing Rushton Village at 10:00. A shopping trip that provides a choice of supermarkets and a selection of different retail outlets. Returning to Rushton at 12:30.

## Community Trips:

Community trips undertaken either occasional to special shopping events or visits to places of interest including coffee, snacks, or meals These trips are advertised in the Triangle Parish Magazine, Parish Notice boards and posting on the Rushton Village Support WhatsApp group that also provides updates.

## Private Hire:

The Rushton Community Minibus is also available for Private Hire and can carry a maximum of 16 passengers. We offer a variety of services to suit individual needs at an affordable price.

We also undertake private hires for local schools in our area and all our drivers who volunteer for school private hires will have a current Enhanced DBS Certificate.

For further information and a quotation for your specific requirements please give us a call. All hires are subject to our standard terms and conditions, copy available on request.

# SCS Schemes

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Shire Community Services

Website: <http://www.shirecommunityservices.org.uk/>

General enquiries – [info@shirecommunityservices.org.uk](mailto:info@shirecommunityservices.org.uk)

Wellibus – [rachael@shirecommunityservices.org.uk](mailto:rachael@shirecommunityservices.org.uk)

Car Service – [allison@shirecommunityservices.org.uk](mailto:allison@shirecommunityservices.org.uk)

01933 223636

Monday - Friday between 09:00 & 14:00

Wellibus

Membership only scheme which costs £15.00 for 6 x months or £30.00 for 12 x months which includes door to door shopping service and our Day Trips / Excursions. Travel on the bus is free of charge after 09:30 if you hold a concessionary bus pass, bookings taken by calling 01933 223636 Monday - Friday between 09:00 & 14:00

Medical Car Service

Membership only scheme which costs £15.00 for 6 x months or £30.00 for 12 x months, then each journey is charged at 45p per mile + a £1 booking fee

Day Excursions- Please contact for more information



# SERVE car scheme

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Website: <http://www.serve.org.uk/>

Address: 8 West Street, Rushden, NN10 0RT

Email: [info@serve.org.uk](mailto:info@serve.org.uk)

Phone: 01933 315555- 07764 560860

Eligibility: You are eligible if you are over the age of 60 or if you have a registered disability. The community transport scheme is available to take those with a registered disability of any age and will transport children if accompanied by parents or guardians.

Membership is £25 a year and includes:

Reasonably priced journeys to and from hospital, doctor, optician, dental and clinic appointments.

- Visits to friends and relatives in hospital or nursing homes.

- Help with medical journeys further afield to places such as: Leicester, Birmingham, Oxford and even London.

- Wheelchair accessible transport available. There is an extra charge on top of the journey cost for wheelchair accessible vehicles



# Towcester Area Door to Door (TADD)



Website:

[www.towcesterareadoor2door.com](http://www.towcesterareadoor2door.com)

Telephone: 01327 810300 (9.00am & 1.00pm Monday to Friday)

We take members to medical appointments at hospitals dentists, doctors, opticians & podiatrists. Our scheme covers 39 parishes in part of the old South Northamptonshire area based around Towcester.

The 2022-23 membership fee is £24 for new members & the mileage charge is £0.45 per mile.

You must be able to enter and exit the vehicle yourself. If we have to call on a driver from outside your area, we may have to make a small additional charge for the extra mileage. When we are very busy we may not always have drivers available and reserve the right to refuse transport.

The availability of Voluntary Drivers determines the number of journeys we can undertake. We try to limit our membership to match the probable availability of drivers.

Our Website contains a map of the area we cover together with price lists, based on the mileage rates of 45p introduced in 2011 (11 years ago).

# Volunteer Action Oundle

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Volunteer Action is a charity supporting the elderly, unwell, disadvantaged and those with disabilities in Oundle, Thrapston and the surrounding villages from Easton-on-the-Hill to Titchmarsh.

Tel: 01832 275433 9am – 1pm (Monday – Friday)

Email: [admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk](mailto:admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk/>

Eligibility : The elderly, people with disabilities and people with chronic illnesses, including mental health issues. People in genuine need, including carers, who have no other reasonable means of transport for both medical and independent living appointments i.e. shopping, visiting friends or older peoples clubs.

Mileage Charge: £0.45

Minimum Charge: £3.00

72 hours notice required BUT SHORTER FOR MEDICAL



# Welland Wanderer

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WELLAND WANDERER EAST (Fridays) bus service serving Corby from the villages of Stoke Albany, Wilbarston, East Carlton, Middleton, Cottingham Rockingham and Gretton

WELLAND WANDERER WEST (Tuesdays) bus service serving Market Harborough from the villages of Gretton, Rockingham, Cottingham, Middleton, East Carlton, Wilbarston, Stoke Albany, Ashley, Weston by Welland and Sutton Bassett

There are no services on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday or Public Bank Holidays

Service provided by:

Lawson's of Corby Ltd 38 Forest Gate Road Corby NN17 1TW

Tel:01536 400952

email: lawsonsofcorby@gmail.com

Bus Timetable available from:

[www.wilbarstonparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/new-bus-timetable-20.pdf](http://www.wilbarstonparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/new-bus-timetable-20.pdf)

# Callconnect Service



CallConnect is a public bus service that operates in response to pre-booked requests.

Registration is free but you must be a member to book a journey. You can then use the service for any reason and as frequently as required. The fully accessible minibuses operate from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, and from 7.30am to 6.30pm on Saturdays, with some local variations.

In most cases, CallConnect will pick up and set down at designated locations in each village or town.

Passengers with a disability or those living in more isolated locations can be picked up and returned to their home address, if it is safe and practical to do so.

You can use CallConnect to travel anywhere within each service's operating area. You can also use it to connect with the main Interconnect bus service or other bus and train services.

Concessionary bus passes are valid on all services.

The Lincolnshire Callconnect service covers Woodnewton village

Phone number: 0345 263 8153 (Open Monday-Friday 8.30am-6.30pm  
Saturday 9.00am-5.30pm)

Website: <https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/>

# Village Hopper

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The Village Hopper is run by Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council

Covering: Wollaston, Bozeat, Grendon, Whiston, Cogenhoe, Brafield,  
Little Houghton & Great Houghton

For timetables: <https://www.cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk/village-hopper-bus.html>

- Under 5's travel free (provided they are accompanied by an adult passenger)
- Young people under 16 can get a discount on the fare of 20% (with ID)
  - Buy a return fare and save 35p
  - Free off-peak Travel for Senior Citizens, after 09.30am
  - Concessionary Bus passes accepted every day
- From the age of 16 upwards, children and students pay the standard adult fare. However, if you are in full time education, we offer those students with a valid NUS Extra card 10% off standard single return fares
  - Purchase a weekly ticket and save 10%
- Term time passes available £600 per annum (contact [clerk@cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cogenhoeandwhiston-pc.gov.uk) to purchase)
- Cash & cards can be accepted on the bus

For all enquiries please contact 07512 045418

# Good Neighbour Schemes

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Good Neighbour Schemes respond to the needs of local people by providing help with activities such as:

befriending, home visiting, companionship, someone to go to social events with, dog walking and caring for pets during holiday or illness, errands and shopping, filling in forms, writing letters, reading and help to use computers and the internet, gardening, giving lifts to a GP surgery, clinic, hospital, day Centre, other appointments, household tasks including tuning televisions, changing light bulbs and smoke alarms

(Support available varies scheme to scheme)

To find your local scheme

Phone: 01604 765888

Email: [acre@northantsacre.org.uk](mailto:acre@northantsacre.org.uk)



With thanks to all the organisations and transport schemes that have contributed to this guide.

This guide is updated regularly, and every effort was made to ensure the information was correct when it was published. Please contact Northamptonshire ACRE should you wish amendments to be made to the content in the directory or if you are aware of a scheme not included.

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 01604 765888

 [\*\*acre@northantsacre.org.uk\*\*](mailto:acre@northantsacre.org.uk)

 [\*\*www.northantsacre.org.uk\*\*](http://www.northantsacre.org.uk)



## Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

We are a countywide, independent charitable organization working with rural communities in Northamptonshire to improve their quality of life, especially the disadvantaged.

We offer a range of rural services including:

- Good Neighbour schemes and Rural Wellbeing
- Community Support for village halls and parish councils
  - Neighbourhood Plans
  - Community Planning
  - Best village competition!
- Training and Networking events

### Contact Us

If you would like to be included in our transport directory, want to update any information in this booklet, need an electronic copy, or have any other queries or questions please contact us using the information below.

Registered Charity no: 1080038  
Co House: 3937576

# Contact Information



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