

## 22. TRANSPORT

There are a number of different transport services and schemes available.

### AA Disability Helpline

A Helpline for people with disabilities (free to AA members). Provide information on a wide range of disability related subjects such as route requests and car adaptations.

Also produce 'The Disabled Travellers Guide'.

Tel: 0800 262050. Textphone: 0800 3282810. Website: [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com)



### Adapted Vehicle Hire

Provides adapted vehicles to disabled drivers and wheelchair passengers in the event of an accident. This service is provided through insurance companies and for motability Operations. Also provide daily rental service with or without insurance. AVH Ltd sells used nearly new adapted vehicles at trade prices.

Tel: 0845 257 1670. Website: [www.avhltd.com](http://www.avhltd.com)

### Arun Community Transport

Manages a range of services to the local population including:-

- **Dial a Ride** - One fully accessible car for people in the Arun area who are unable to use public transport due to a disability. To book, telephone the contact number between Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm. The service is available 7 days a week 24 hours a day subject to driver availability and is charged on a mileage or daily rate.
- **Social Car Scheme** - A car service for shopping trips, visits to the dentist, doctor, etc for those unable to use public transport through disability or frailty.
- **ArunCare** – Has one 15 seater fully accessible minibus covering the County. Charged per mile or on a daily rate.

Contact: The Dairy, 3-5 Church Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5EL.  
For bookings and information Tel: 01903 723584.

Website: [www.arun-cct.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.arun-cct.freeserve.co.uk)

### Billingshurst Community Transport

A car and accessible vehicle for people in the Billingshurst, Plaistow and Ifold, and Kirdford areas. For use by people unable to use public transport through disability or frailty. To book a journey Tel: 01403 787696 between 9.30am and 11am Mon-Fri at least 48 hours in advance.

### Blue Badge Scheme

People who are disabled can apply for this badge, to use while they are the driver or passenger of a vehicle. It allows free parking in the majority of the UK. An accompanying booklet gives details of use and restrictions on use. A small fee is payable and a passport photo required. The Blue Badge is given on medical assessment provided by your GP. To obtain an application form, you can:

Tel: County Hall, Chichester on: 01243 777653

Email: [BlueBadges.ss@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:BlueBadges.ss@westsussex.gov.uk); or write to: The Blue Badge Section, The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1QT.

### **British Red Cross - Bognor**

Offers a limited transport service with volunteer drivers for people with disabilities unable to use public transport. Charged at 65p per mile – Minimum £5.

Tel: 01903 207191 for details. Office open Mon-Fri 10am-1pm. Contact The Centre Organiser at 5, The Precinct, West Meads, Bognor Regis, PO21 5SB.

General enquiries: Tel: 01243 822240 Out of hours: 0800 587 8929

### **Car Tax Exemption**

People who receive the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance or War Pensions Mobility Supplement can apply for exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty. There are several conditions of eligibility including the requirement that the vehicle must be solely used by or for the purposes of the person with a disability. Invalid Carriages are exempt from Vehicle Excise Duty.

The Certificate of entitlement to exemption is issued by the Benefits Agency, for further information contact: DSS. Blackpool Tel: 0870 8500 007.

Minicom: 01792 766426. Website: [www.dvla.gov.uk](http://www.dvla.gov.uk)

### **Chichester Community Transport**

Two fully accessible minibuses for people with disabilities who are unable to use public transport. Covers - Chichester, Appledram, Boxgrove, Donnington, Funtington, Lavant, Oving, Bosham, Fishbourne, Hunston, N. Mundham, Tangmere & Westhampnett. Tel: 01243 816616. Open 9.15am–11.15am to book your journey the day before travel.

### **Community Bus Association - Petworth**

A 12 seater minibus available to youth and community groups and residents of the following villages who are unable to use or have no access to public transport: Fittleworth (01798 865278), Petworth & Duncton (01798 343386), Kirdford (01403 820350), Northchapel (01428 707225), Plaistow (01403 871415), Tillington (01798 343922). Subscription charge applicable. The Bus operates regular shopping trips. Contact the relevant village organiser. Petworth Divisional Organiser: Mr K Lintill Tel: 01798 342948

### **Compton Community Car Scheme**

Runs 16 volunteer cars covering the Compton and Stoughton Parish (incl West Marden) for people attending medical appointments and visiting relatives in hospital. Tel: 023 92 631392 or 02392 631455

### **Concessionary Travel**

Apply to your local council for more information about free off-peak bus travel for people over 60 or disabled. Schemes vary in each area so the local council can advise what local arrangements have been made.

Chichester council: Tel 01243 534629

Arun council: 01903 737500

### **Contact 88**

Runs two minibuses for older people and those with disabilities in the Chichester and local area. 90p per mile - £15 minimum. Not able to take passengers to hospital. Office hours Monday to Friday 9am to 11am. Tel: 01243 531988

## **Day Centres**

Day Centres can provide transport for people attending the centre. They may also hire out their transport when it is not in use. Contact the Day Centre for further information.

## **Disabled Persons Railcard Office**

Helpline Tel: 0845 605 0525. Textphone: 0845 6010132.

Website: [www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk](http://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk)

## **Door to Door Directory Website**

A transport and travel website for disabled and less mobile people.

Website: [www.dptac.gov.uk/doortodoor](http://www.dptac.gov.uk/doortodoor)

## **DORIS**

A demand-responsive bus service, which runs Monday to Friday (8am-5pm) and Saturdays (8am-12noon and 1pm-5pm), linking the villages around Midhurst and Petworth. It runs request routes which need to be pre-booked.

For further details phone the Travel Centre: on 01730 815518

Website: [www.travelondoris.co.uk](http://www.travelondoris.co.uk)

## **Harting Minibus Service**

One fully accessible 15 seater minibus available to the general public operating in the region of South, East and West Harting and Nyewood. The vehicle operates on scheduled routes on Tuesday to Chichester and on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday to Petersfield. Tel: 01730 825040

## **Manhood Mobility Volunteer Service**

Provides a disabled persons vehicle and volunteer cars for those living in the West Manhood area between the Witterings, Itchenor, Birdham, Almondington, Earnley and Bracklesham area who cannot use public transport because of age or mobility problems or economic circumstance. There is a lifetime family membership fee (£10) and a small charge per journey. Contact: The Manager, The Witterings Health Centre, East Wittering, West Sussex, PO20 8BH.

Tel: 01243 671881 Fax: 01243 672200

## **MAVIS – Mobility Advice and Vehicle Information Service**

Provides assessment and practical advice on driving, cars and adaptations for disabled drivers and passengers. Has a selection of adapted vehicles for test driving and assessment. Produces an information pack, factsheets on hand controls and pedal guards, the use of cushions, applying for a licence and returning to driving. Tel: 0800 559 3636 Website: [www.dft.gov.uk/access/mavis](http://www.dft.gov.uk/access/mavis)

## **Midhurst Community Bus Association**

One 16 seater minibus covering Easebourne, Lodsworth, Trotton, Bepton and Lower Elsted. Available to the general public. 60p per single journey

Tel: 01730 810368

## **Motability**

Motability is a registered charity which enables disabled people to use the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners Mobility Supplement to lease or buy a car or buy a powered wheelchair or scooter. There is also a hire purchase alternative for people who wish to own the car, powered wheelchair or scooter at the end of the agreement.

For information about cars Tel: 0845 456 4566, for wheelchairs/scooters Tel: 0845 607 6260. Minicom: 0845 675 0009. Website: [www.motability.co.uk](http://www.motability.co.uk)

## **Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Mobility Centre**

An information and assessment service on all aspects of outdoor mobility for disabled and elderly people. Services (not free of charge) include driving ability assessments, car adaptation assessments, passenger consultations and pavement vehicle and wheelchair assessments. Tel: 0208 770 1551.

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

## **Radar Keys for Toilets for the Disabled**

National key scheme offering independent access for disabled people into over 4,000 locked public toilets around Britain. To purchase a key Tel: 020 7250 3222

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

## **Railcard schemes**

Discount railcard schemes are available for elderly and disabled people. For further details. Tel: 08457 484950. Website: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **Sammy Community Transport**

Provides a community care service (including wheelchair accessible cars) for all local people including those with a disability in the Bognor Regis, Chichester and Selsey areas plus outlying villages. Bookings should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the journey. Also have wheelchair accessible mini-buses available for use by registered groups to attend meetings and events. Bookings require a minimum of 1 weeks notice.

Contact: Mr Peter Wells, Manager, York Road Chambers, York Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 1LT or Tel: 01243 827821 for prices and availability (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm and 2pm-4pm).

Website: [www.sammytransport.org.uk](http://www.sammytransport.org.uk) Email: [office@sammytransport.org.uk](mailto:office@sammytransport.org.uk)

## **Selsey Community Bus Association**

One fully accessible minibus covering Selsey. Available to the general public on scheduled routes only. Charge: 20p, or free with concessionary pass. Mon-Fri (9am–5pm). Tel: 01243 605353 – Veronica Holloway

## **Selsey Venture Club**

Provides three 14 seater and one 12 seater minibuses for older people and the disabled around the Selsey area. Members only. No powered wheelchairs.

Contact The Selsey Venture Club at Elm Grove, High Street, Selsey, West Sussex, PO20 0RP on: 01243 602102 Monday-Friday (9.30am-11.30am and 2.30pm-4pm), Saturday (9.30am-11.30am).

## **Shopmobility**

The scheme provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters (for a small charge) to help those with restricted mobility (temporary or permanent) to use the local facilities in Chichester, Havant, Waterlooville and Leigh Park. There is a charge for this service. Longer periods of hire can be arranged on request. For details telephone: Havant 023 9245 5444 (Mon-Sat 9am-4pm) or Chichester: 07932 802778 (Mon, Thurs & Sat 9am-4pm)

There is also a shopmobility service in Bognor Regis. Office hours Monday - Friday 10am-4pm & Sat 10am-2pm. They can deliver and are also open on Sundays throughout the Summer season (weather permitting)

Contact: The Old Fire Station, Town Hall, Belmont Street Car Park, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LD Tel: 01243 830077

E-mail: [bognorshopmobility@jrmil.co.uk](mailto:bognorshopmobility@jrmil.co.uk)

## **St John Ambulance Patient Transport Service**

A private ambulance service that provides transfers to and from hospitals, private care facilities and care homes as well as long distance transfer of patients and those arriving from overseas. The vehicles are equipped to care for a range of dependency levels and the service offers a guaranteed pick-up time. Tel 08700 104950 to obtain a quote for your journey

## **St Peters Pastoral Care Team**

Provides a transport service to doctors surgeries and hospital appointments (not shopping) in the Wisborough Green area. There is no charge for this service. Also runs a library book delivery service for housebound readers. Tel: 01403 700336

## **Sussex Ambulance Service NHS Trust**

Provides transport for people with a medical need which is assessed by the General Practitioner or Hospital Consultant concerned.

They will consider whether it would be safe for the person to travel using public or private transport, whether special equipment is needed and/or whether the patient needs an escort.

The transport is available to enable people to receive NHS-funded care, treatment, assessment or rehabilitation.



## **Tandem**

Has four accessible vehicles offering transport services for elderly and disabled people, using volunteer car drivers or the Tandem minibuses. Travelling from Midhurst and Petworth to any destination. Offers a hospital car service at 40p per mile (min charge £3.00) as well as wheelchair accessible vehicles at 50p per mile (min charge £3.00). There is also a club for members with regular outings.

Contact: The Transport Co-ordinator on 01730 813962 (Mon-Fri 9am-2pm)

## **Transport Co-ordination Group – West Sussex**

Based at West Sussex County Council, the Transport Co-ordination Group provides advice and support to community groups to begin and operate transport schemes. Also produces an annual community transport directory which contains information about community transport providers across the county.

Tel: 01243 777391. Website: [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

## **Traveline**

Information about routes and times of buses, coaches and trains throughout West Sussex provided by West Sussex County Council.

Tel: 0871 200 2233 Typetalk: 0871 200 2233 (follow instructions and use the West Sussex typetalk code- 820) Website: [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

## **Village Bus of Amberley and Slindon**

Runs a 16 seater minibus for the general public. A charge of £2.60 return is levied for every journey made. The bus operates on scheduled routes to Bognor Regis, Worthing, Rustington, Littlehampton and Chichester. A participant in Sussex County Card Scheme. Contact: Mrs Beere on Tel: 01243 814446

Email: [bonnybeere@aol.com](mailto:bonnybeere@aol.com)

## **West Manhood Venturers**

Runs a fully accessible 13 seater minibus for older people and those with disabilities who become members of the society, annual subscription £10. Covers East and West Wittering, Birdham, Itchenor and Bracklesham and Earnley. Runs weekly shopping trips and visits to local clubs/organisations. Local shopping and social events are free, Chichester shopping Free. Contact Mr Pettman on Tel: 01243 672696

To join call Mr Church on 01243 670799

