

Volunteer Driver



About the Role

We are looking for people to connect our older Wythenshawe members to their local community as part of Volunteer Driver Scheme. You'll be a friendly face with your own vehicle who will:

- Take our members to/from health appointments, organised events and activities, and social arrangements across Wythenshawe.
- Deliver items locally i.e. our monthly Newsletter, seasonal information and cost-of-living support materials.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To provide trips' for members to access personal, social and healthcare appointments.
- All trips are pre booked and recorded by WGN staff, drivers are not insured to pick up and drop off members outside of this schedule.
- To be punctual and dependable in picking up the service user at the scheduled time.
- Keep the WGN staff informed regarding your availability.
- Provide the WGN staff with as much notice as possible when cancelling your volunteer shift.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding service user and trip information.
- Observe a regular vehicle maintenance to ensure safety of service users - seatbelts must be available.
- Provide annual updates on vehicle insurance policy, MOT and tax.
- Immediately report incidences, accidents or concerns to WGN staff.
- Inform WGN staff of any changes in your address, phone number or car details.
- Read the WGN volunteer drivers handbook and become familiar with policies and procedures.

Skills, Knowledge & Qualifications

- Valid clean UK drivers licence unsafe driving record. (A maximum of six penalty points can be discussed at interview.)
- Be able to produce full insurance to cover carrying passengers. (Most Insurance companies will insure a volunteer driver within the existing schedule. However, you must make it clear that you are a volunteer driver to your insurance company.)
- Access to a vehicle that is roadworthy, reliable and suitable for service users needs at where points one and two above apply.
- No health conditions that may impair ability to drive safely (vision, hearing, perception, reflexes, certain medications, etc.).
- Understand the limitations experienced by some of the older members, such as mobility and hearing stroke vision loss.
- Punctual and reliable
- Comfortable talking to new people.
- Good communication skills

Benefits:

- Expenses paid, (45p per mile when driving)
- Training and Support
- Being part of a new and growing volunteer team
- Twice yearly volunteer celebration
- Monthly prize draw
- Further training opportunities e.g. First Aid.
- Opportunities to develop your skills and understanding of working in the community.

Training we provide:

We will provide a full induction to the organisation and the team including volunteer drivers handbook. Chat to Samantha about additional training to support with your role and development!

Time Commitment.

There is a minimum requirement of an hour per week, and we ask that you keep us up to date with your availability.

This role will require a DBS check. We will cover the cost of this check and support you to complete your DBS application as part of the application process.

If you have any further questions about becoming a Volunteer Driver or would like more information, please get in touch on 0161 905 3898.

