

Support is provided by the Transport Co-ordinator through whom your needs and views can be fed into organisational planning and service delivery reviews.

Many of our drivers tell us the clients are not the only beneficiaries of the scheme. The drivers, themselves, get immense pleasure from meeting many different appreciative people and in providing such a worthwhile service to the community.

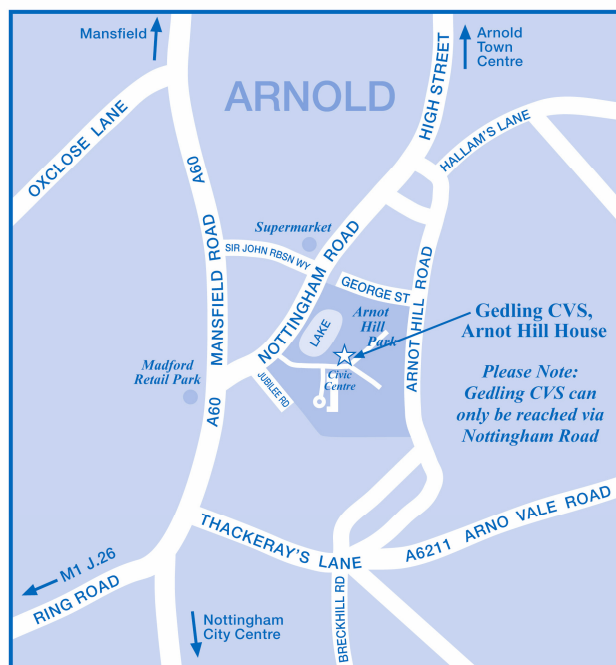
### Interested - What do I do next?

Phone for more information or to arrange an informal chat with the Transport Co-ordinator on 0115 926 6750 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday. Messages can be left on the answer phone at any time and we will contact you as soon as possible.



This leaflet can be made available on disc, tape, large print, in braille or in other languages on request.

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## **Gedling Community & Voluntary Services**

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## **Voluntary Car Scheme**

**Drivers Wanted:  
CAN YOU HELP?**

## **Do you have a car, enjoy driving and meeting people ? If so, why not consider driving for Gedling CVS Voluntary Transport Scheme?**

### Who are the volunteer drivers?

The drivers are all volunteers who offer their services and cars freely for the benefit of the clients, they are not taxi drivers and without them the scheme cannot run. The drivers receive no pay for their time but are reimbursed for their fuel costs in providing the service to clients at the rate of 40p per mile. At the end of the journey the Driver collects 38p per mile from client. GCVS will reimburse the other 2p per mile.

Each driver completes a comprehensive application form and two references are taken. Driving licences, MOT documents and insurance details are also checked. The drivers use their own cars and depending on their circumstances can offer the service varying amounts of time. The drivers are a friendly, caring team of people who have a concern for others in their neighbourhood.

### How does the scheme operate?

Clients register with the scheme and are asked to give 48hrs notice when booking a journey. The Co-ordinator then matches the client with the nearest available driver.

The driver completes an invoice for each journey undertaken. The mileage rate, is payable from the drivers home and return again. At the end of each month the driver submits his invoices for payment to GCVS, where payment is made by BACS (electronic banking).

### Who does the Scheme operate for?

Gedling CVS Voluntary Transport Scheme provides a service for residents in the Borough of Gedling who experience permanent or temporary mobility difficulties using public transport as a result of:-

- Age
- Illness or Infirmity
- Disability
- Geographical or Social Isolation

And who have no other means of transport available to them.

Many of our clients tell us the scheme is a lifeline to them. If it was not for the scheme many would be housebound and unable to take part in normal daily activities and meet people.

### What can the transport be used for?

The voluntary transport can be used for any purpose for which other public transport services could normally be used.

- Shopping/ personal business trips into local centres
- Visits to friends and relations
- Recreational and cultural activities
- Interchange with train/tram or long distance coach service
- Hospital visiting
- Medical appointments, e.g. doctors, dentists and chiropodists **(but NOT hospital outpatient appointments)**

### How can you help?

The success of the Transport Scheme means the demand for transport is growing and we currently have difficulty in meeting all requests for help.

New drivers are needed now! There is no obligation to work specific hours. You tell us when you are available. Any period of time you can offer is of great benefit to the scheme.

Basic training is provided on a range of Health & Safety issues.