**Pitstone Community Car Scheme**

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER ROLE DESCRIPTION**

An increasing aging population in Buckinghamshire means that the need and demand for public transport will grow. In our rural village, the infrequent public transport network unfortunately doesn’t always enable elderly residents to reach their hospital and medical appointments in a timely manner. The Pitstone Community Car Scheme will provide a service of transporting vulnerable members of our community to and from their medical appointments, providing support at a time that can often be stressful.

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| **Aim of role** | To provide a transport service for people living in and around Pitstone to their medical appointments. |
| **Role Title** | Volunteer Driver  |
| **Start date** | ASAP |
| **Time commitment** | Days and times vary depending upon the commitment that the volunteer wishes to give. |
| **Location** | The parishes of Pitstone and Ivinghoe. |
| **Main tasks** | Drivers use their own cars to take older people, or those without another means of transport available, to medical appointments |
| **Skills/Experience** | * You should be an experienced and safe driver and hold a full UK driving license.
* Your car must be in good condition and you must have fully comprehensive car insurance.
* You should be in good health and able to give ‘a helping hand’ to passengers if required.
* You should have a friendly manner and good rapport with older people.
* Respect the confidentiality of the patient.
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| **What we can offer you** | Volunteering with us will give you the opportunity:* To become an active member in a community scheme.
* To meet new people whilst providing an important and highly valued service to the local community.
* Our volunteer drivers are able to claim £0.45 pence per mile for all journeys undertaken on behalf of the car scheme. There is a minimum fee of £1 for short journeys.
* Training.
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| **Additional information** | References and DBS (criminal record) checks are required. |