

Carrie Driver Job Description



The Haddenham Community Vehicle provides a personal door-to-door transport service for those in Haddenham and surrounding villages who have mobility issues limiting their access to public and other means of transport. As a registered charity, the service depends on the availability of a team of trained volunteer drivers. At all times we need to ensure that there are sufficient trained drivers to meet the client needs.

Journeys of up to 20 miles are typically to local medical centres, clinics or hospitals, but may also include trips for social needs. Those in rural areas without transport are often experiencing social isolation. Journeys are booked centrally through a Coordinator who then seeks to allocate one of the driver team. The service is typically offered during the working day, not weekends.

The vehicle, known as “Carrie”, is currently a Volkswagen Caddy automatic, adapted to carry up to two wheelchair passengers who enter the vehicle through a rear door with loading ramp. We provide full training in the safe use of the vehicle and our crash-tested wheelchair. We arrange and pay for DBS clearance for all drivers; the vast majority of our clients are elderly and have mobility problems.

We urgently seek new drivers to join our team. Drivers will perhaps drive just two or three times a month. If we have insufficient driver availability to meet client requirements, the Haddenham Community Vehicle Service fails. Volunteer drivers should have a clean driving licence. In dealing with mostly elderly clients, our drivers should have good personal and social skills to be able to deal sensitively with vulnerable clients. The service has established a reputation for good relationships with the clients. The reward is the massive gratitude expressed for the service you can help provide.

If you might be interested in volunteering as a driver, please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information to help you decide. The committee hopes you will sign up! See also <https://haddenhamcommunityvehicle.org.uk>

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