



## Transport

### Transport

#### Sheffield Community Transport ([SCT](#))

SCT runs a number of services for people who have difficulty in getting around by conventional forms of transport.

#### City Ride

A door to door minibus service within Sheffield which are accessible for people with disabilities. Please try and book one week in advance - phone **0114 276 5766**

#### Community Car Scheme

Uses volunteers driving their own car. This service normally operates within the city, but longer journeys can be made. It may be possible to arrange regular trips. If a volunteer uses his or her own car, a mileage rate is charged (including mileage to and from the driver's home). Please contact SCT for the current rate of charges for this service. Phone **0114 276 6148** for more information.

#### Dial-a-Ride

The service picks up passengers from their own homes and takes them to the major shopping areas around the city, including for the theatre, park or wherever you want to go.

Phone **0114 285 9938** for more information

There is more information about all Sheffield Community Transport Services on their [website](#).

#### Other Community Transport

There are a number of other community organisations providing transport in the city. To find out more details about these, contact Sheffield Community Transport or the Carers Centre helpline.

### Motoring

#### Buying a car

If the person you care for receives the higher rate mobility allowance and will do so for at least



three years, they may be able to use it to buy or lease a car through the Motability scheme. They can do this either by contract hire (which means you rent the car, all maintenance, insurance and breakdown cover costs being included) or by hire purchase (under which the car belongs to you and you therefore have to meet those costs yourself).

## Road Tax

If the person you care for receives higher rate mobility allowance, they can apply for an exemption on road tax, either on their own car or on yours, as the carer. You need to bear in mind that technically, if the person nominates your car, you can **only** use it for carrying the disabled person, and you would be committing an offence if you use the car to go to work or for an evening out alone. There is more information on the [DVLA website](#).

## Seatbelts

In exceptional circumstances, a disabled person may be exempt from the normal requirement to wear a seatbelt. If the disabled person thinks this could apply to them, they should consult their doctor who can issue an exemption certificate if they think it is appropriate.

## Breakdown cover

Some motoring organisations have special offers and services for drivers with disabilities. For instance, the RAC has a [Blue Badge Breakdown Cover scheme](#), and the AA allow you to [register your specialist needs](#) so that they bring the correct equipment and accessible vehicles with them to your incident.

## Parking – the Blue Badge scheme

A disabled person may be able to get a blue badge which enables them to park closer to their destination if they are getting higher rate mobility component, are blind or have permanent and substantial difficulty in walking. The disabled person does not have to be able to drive themselves in order to qualify for a badge and they can be given to children over the age of two.

The scheme covers the whole country, but there are some places where it does not operate, or does so on a restricted basis - such as Central London - so you need to be aware of local regulations before using the badge.

You can apply for a Blue Badge online [here](#).

**Disabled Go** is a fantastic resource that details exactly how accessible places are around the country, with information about everything from toilets, hearing loops, seats being available and the use of Braille. You can search for any public building or location [here](#).

## Public Transport



## **Trains**

If travelling by train with someone who has mobility problems, it is always best to phone in advance to let station staff know you are travelling.

## **Buses**

Transport South Yorkshire has information available [here](#).

You can find out about First Bus accessibility [here](#).

## **Taxis**

Taxis usually have specialist vehicles available for people with mobility issues. Talk to the operator of the taxi company for more information. The only major exception is Uber, who have recently rolled out UberWAV in several cities internationally. Check out [this page](#) to see if or when that service will be available in Sheffield.

Sheffield Taxi Services have dedicated wheelchair friendly transport which you can view [here](#).