

**Do you enjoy  
driving and  
meeting  
people?**

**Then becoming a volunteer  
driver is ideal for you.**



**Contact Your nearest Volunteer Centre  
for more information**

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Volunteer Centre  
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**Volunteer Centre Colchester  
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**Volunteer Centre Epping Forest  
Tel: 01992 564256**

**Volunteer Centre Harlow  
Tel: 01279 308310**

**Maldon & District CVS Volunteer Centre  
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**Rayleigh, Rochford & District Volunteer Centre  
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**Volunteer Centre Southend (SAVS)  
Tel: 01702 356060**

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# Volunteer Drivers



**Communities  
need  
a driving force!**



**Volunteer Drivers are the vital link between isolated people and their community**



Across Essex there are hundreds of people at risk of isolation, living in rural communities or restricted to their homes through disability. For these people volunteer drivers may be the only link they have to their community.

There are a range of driving roles available across the county including Community Transport schemes, youth groups and elderly and disabled clubs.

**Get in touch with your local Volunteer Centre to find out more!**

Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet, alternatively visit the national volunteering database at [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk)

To find out more about volunteering in your area!

# F.A.Q

## *Frequently asked Questions*

### **Will I have to drive a minibus?**

Some community groups will have access to a minibus and will require drivers who have a D1 on their licence (issued as standard prior to 1997) to drive for them. However there are just as many groups who need individuals who are able to use their own car to drive their clients

### **Will training be provided?**

Most organisations will offer training relevant to the role - this may include Minibus awareness training (MIDAS), Manual handling and disability awareness.

### **What about insurance?**

You will need to inform your insurance company that you will be using your car for voluntary work, but this shouldn't make any difference to your premium. Organisations may wish to see a copy of your insurance document as part of the recruitment process.

If you are driving a vehicle belonging to the organisation then you will be covered under their insurance,

### **I can only give a few hours - is that OK?**

Any amount of time that you are able to give to is welcomed, even an hour or two each week will make a huge difference to an isolated person.

### **What do I need to become a volunteer driver?**

Most organisations will ask that you have a clean driving licence and some may ask for driving experience.

If you are driving your own car then you may be asked to provide copies of your MOT and insurance documents and to ensure that seatbelts are available.

If you are interested in driving a minibus then you will need a D1 on your licence - if you passed before 1st Jan 1997 then this will be issued as standard.

### **Will I get paid for my petrol?**

The vast majority of organisations will reimburse out of pocket expenses to their volunteers. This is currently up to 40p per mile mileage allowance additionally you should receive the cost of parking.

### **How do I find out more?**

Your local Volunteer Centre can help you to choose a driving role that is right for you – contact details on the back of this leaflet.