

# GILLINGHAM AREA CAR LINK SP8

Gillingham Area Voluntary Car Link Scheme  
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[www.gillinghamcarlink.org.uk](http://www.gillinghamcarlink.org.uk)

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## Driving for Car Link, your questions answered.

### **I drive a Mini, can I still drive for car link?**

Yes, our drivers own a variety of vehicles, from a smart car to four wheel drives. The coordinator will tell you if there are any special requirements and if you can't fit it in, you tell them and they will find someone else.

### **Do I have to set aside special time for Car Link?**

No the coordinator will offer you jobs on the days you are available. It is up to you to decide whether to take it or not. If you have other commitments, you just say no thank you. You really can fit it in around your daily life.

### **How much notice will I get?**

We ask our clients to give us at least two days notice when they need a car. This means that we can normally give you at least a day. Normally it is longer than that, sometimes up to a month. Don't forget you can always say no.

### **What if I accept a job but later find that I can't do it?**

You phone the Coordinator and pass the job back. They will re-allocate it. Please give as much notice as you can.

### **You say you pay expenses, will that really cover my costs?**

We pay 45 pence per mile for the full journey from your home and back to your home. That is the maximum allowed as expenses by HMRC. It will cover your fuel costs and a portion of your tax insurance and other running costs.

### **I only have a few hours to spare, I couldn't do hospital journeys.**

A lot of our journeys are around town. Taking people to doctor's appointments, hairdressers and even shopping. Don't forget, you choose what jobs to take. Local journeys are just as important as hospital trips.

### **Do I need special insurance?**

No as long as you are only paid expenses your standard "Social Domestic and Pleasure purposes" insurance will cover it. We advise our drivers to inform their insurance company but they will not increase your premium.