

SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP



WHAT IS SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP?

- SSG provides door-to-door transport for those without other means of travel.
- Transport is provided by volunteer drivers using their own cars.
- We have customers and drivers from Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford.

WHERE DO WE GO?

- To appointments at doctors, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, hospitals and other medical or health related venues.
- To social clubs and to visit friends and relatives in care homes (but not to shops).

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- Passengers pay set fares which contribute to the fuel costs of the drivers.

HOW ARE LIFTS ARRANGED?

Our volunteer co-ordinators work on a rota basis. Passengers may telephone any of these numbers to find out who's on call for the week.

John Dibnah	842054	Carol Bard	668157
Rosie Cranmer	513572	Marjorie Smith	564922

CAN I HELP?

We're happy to receive more offers of help! If you are interested in volunteering, call Gill Northmore on 504542 or email shelfordsupport@googlemail.com

HOW ARE WE DOING in 2022?

SSG was founded in 1993; with the exception of the first Covid-19 lockdown we have continued ever since.

In January and February 2018, prior to the pandemic, we had 28 regular drivers and made 210 journeys. In January and February this year we made 102 journeys, but with a list of only 18 active drivers. There seem to be two main reasons why usage has reduced – firstly there are fewer face-to-face medical appointments and secondly many of the regular social events for older people in our villages have not yet resumed.

It remains to be seen whether this situation gradually reverts to what it used to be but meanwhile we know that this is a valuable service and our customers frequently tell us that they just don't know how they would manage without SSG!