

## To Book a Journey...

...or to discuss the service, telephone the Transport Co-ordinators Carol Hickson and Antoinette Ward on: 016974 78787

The answerphone is checked frequently for messages, so leave your **name** and **telephone number** and **message**.

The Transport Co-ordinator can also advise on local public transport, Hospital Car service and Cumbria County Council Voluntary Car service.

## Evening and Weekend Outings

The Minibus is also available for outings for up to six seated (and one wheelchair passenger) in the evening and on Sundays if a voluntary driver is available. The latest return pick up time is 11pm. A registered voluntary driver must drive the vehicle. Telephone Transport Co-ordinator for details.

## Evening and Weekend Outing

**fares:** £0.85 per mile divided among the number of passengers for all miles driven from Base back to Base

## The Northern Fells Group Minibus is supported by:

Cumbria County Council • Caldbeck Surgery Charitable Fund • Heskett Newmarket Brewery Fund • The seven Parish Councils of: Boltons, Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby, Ireby with Uldale, Mungrisdale, Sebergham with Welton, Westward with Rosley • Donations

### Northern Fells Group Co-ordinator:

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**Transport Co-ordinators:** Carol Hickson and Antoinette Ward • Tel: 016974 78787

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**Become a Member of the Northern Fells Group for £5 a year. This carries no obligation for volunteering but supports the Group's work. However if you are interested in volunteering as a Minibus Driver, or for helping with the Lend a Hand Group or Youth Activities please contact Diane Barraclough.**

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## NORTHERN FELLS GROUP

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## Minibus Service

For anyone of any age:

- Who does not have their own transport...
- Has limited access to shared transport...
- Cannot drive their own cars temporarily...
- Needs disabled access...
- ...and lives in the parishes of

**Boltons, Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby, Ireby with Uldale, Mungrisdale, Sebergham with Welton and Westward with Rosley**



Telephone: 016974 78787

Read on for details >>>

## The Minibus:

- Is for passengers of all ages without their own transport. Children under 11 years need to be accompanied by an adult.
- Has six passenger seats plus space for a wheelchair passenger, and a ramp for wheelchair or walking access.
- Operates Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm: Volunteer drivers.
- Operates Saturday mornings.
- Operates on 'first come, first served' basis, but wheelchair dependent passengers usually have priority as they cannot use the alternative of the Cumbria County Council Voluntary Car Service.
- Outings can be arranged evenings and Sundays if a voluntary driver is available. Latest return pick up time is 11pm.

**More details >>>**

**Telephone:  
016974 78787**

**[www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk](http://www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk)**

## The Minibus Can Take You:

- To the Doctor, Dentist, Clinic, or to visit friends in Hospital or in a Home.
- On any journey not possible by public transport.
- To village activities, to visit friends, or to get home after an after-school activity.
- To take you to relieve a Carer so that they can go out.
- Shopping if you cannot carry your shopping to a service bus or are not on a bus route.
- ...and anywhere else you want to go and we can manage to take you.

## Fares

Pay only for the miles you actually travel; only the direct mileage even if you are taken by another route due to picking up another passenger.

**Minimum fare: 60p**

- Under 6: no charge
- Essential escorts: no charge
- 6 to 16 (18 if still in full time education): £0.20p a mile
- Adult: £0.30p a mile
- Return journeys are charged as two single journeys

## To and from Trains and Buses

We are sometimes asked to take people to catch trains or buses or to meet them. This is not a problem at fairly short notice when we know if the minibus is free, or if you can be flexible as to when and where you catch or leave the train or bus. However, because of increased use of the minibus, a problem can arise if you book far in advance because you are going on or coming back from holiday and want to get your travel arrangements organised. We may then get a request from a wheelchair user or someone else who has little or no alternative to the minibus for a very necessary journey.

### **These are some suggestions:**

1. Could your holiday journey be booked to enable you to use family, friends or a daily or weekly service bus to take you or pick you up?
2. If the minibus is the only practical option could you book your train or bus time to fit in with one of our weekly journeys to Carlisle or Penrith? (Ring Carol or Antoinette for suggestions).
3. Would you be willing to book the journey on the basis that if necessary the drop off or pick up time might have to be altered at a late stage, meaning a wait at the beginning or end of the train or bus journey?
4. Please leave us a contact number to reach you while you are away so that we can ring you to let you know if we may be late picking you up because of another journey we have had to fit in. We can usually give you the driver's mobile number so that you can ring the driver direct if your train or bus is going to be late. We ask that you leave a message both for the driver on his or her mobile and for Carol or Antoinette on **016974 78787**.