

CAR SHARE in Aberdeenshire

How Do I Car Share?

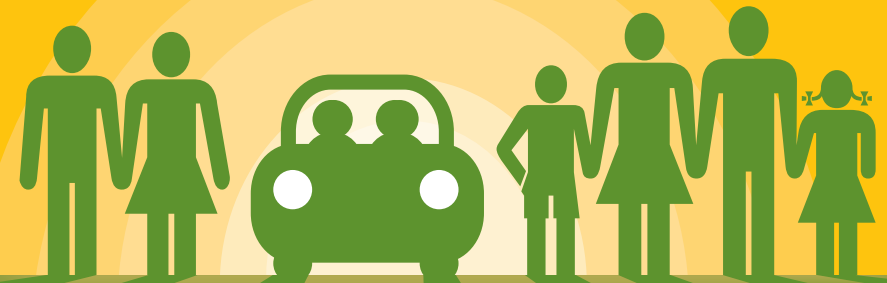
Aberdeenshire Council funds a **FREE** online service for anyone interested in car sharing in Aberdeenshire. Simply:

- Go to **www.carshareaberdeenshire.com/** or phone **08700 111199**
- Enter your journey details – where you are going, when and how often
- The system searches for possible matches and lists them for you on screen
- You can then contact potential travel companions via an automated e-mail programme

Aberdeenshire Council has also set up a private members group for Aberdeenshire Council employees who only want to car share with other Council employees.

For more information on how to start car sharing or for access to Aberdeenshire Council's staff car sharing scheme simply speak to:

The Travel Planning Officer
Aberdeenshire Council
Tel: 01224 664773
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www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk



If every person who drives to work on their own were to get a lift with someone else once a week, the number of car journeys would be reduced by up to 20%



What is Car Sharing?

Car sharing is when 2 or more people share a car and travel together. It allows people to benefit from the convenience of the car while alleviating the associated problems of travel costs and congestion.

Why Should I Car Share?

- It saves you money. By travelling with others you can share transport costs. Research shows the average commuter can save £1,000 a year.
- It reduces the number of cars on the road. Fewer cars mean reduced congestion, easier parking, faster journeys and less pollution.
- It provides a solution in rural areas where there are fewer opportunities to use public transport.

What About Insurance?

Most insurance policies will cover you to carry passengers, so long as you do not charge your passengers more than the running costs of the vehicle. Check with your insurance company before entering into any agreement.

When Can I Car Share?

You can share a car for any journey – getting to and from work, taking the children to school, going to a match, a festival, or doing a weekly shop.

Survey information suggests that over 50% of people would be prepared to share a car if they could find suitable travelling companions.

A Tailored Service

With Aberdeenshire Council's car sharing service you are able to state your starting point, destination and time of travel. You can also specify:

- Whether or not you wish to be a driver, a passenger, or to alternate
- Your normal, or other possible route to work
- Whether or not you wish to share with smokers
- Whether you prefer to share with only people of the same gender
- Whether you wish to share everyday or just occasionally

