Local Volunteer Car Schemes: Beeline (North Warwickshire area) Tel: 01827 717074

Volunteer Friends Medicar (Nuneaton, Bulkington and Bedworth areas) Tel: **02476 640088**

WCAVA (Rugby area) Tel: 01788 561293

VASA (Stratford and Warwick areas) Tel: 01789 262889

Southam Town Council: (Southam/Napton and some local villages near to Southam) Tel: **01926 815817**

Advanced booking is always recommended.

Other transport schemes that support health and social needs: Harbury Energy E Car Club harburyewheels@gmail.com

UBUS - 01789 264491

Shipston Link - www.shipstonlink.co.uk

Southam Mini Bus Hire - 0300 5508171

WRCC Back and 4th Minibus Hire / MiDAS Training www.wrccrural.org.uk // 01789 471595

Volunteer Friends Minibus Hire and MiDAS Training www.volunteerfriends.org.uk // 024 7631 5151

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHEME:



Are you able to help and support your local community as a volunteer driver?

New volunteer drivers are always welcomed. Please contact any of the local voluntary car schemes for an informal chat and more information.



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This leaflet provides you with information on transport options available in Warwickshire, advice on how to choose the best one for you, and how to access the service.

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You are asked to travel as independently as possible to and from health appointments.

There is a local travel line for health and transport queries: 01926 412300 as well as a web site for further information: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthtransport

Public Transport

For bus and train routes, connections and times, visit your local station, or: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses www.nationalrail.co.uk

Travelling by Car

Information about Parking and Charges: Stratford, Warwick, Leamington Spa, Ellen Badger Hospitals: www.swft.nhs.uk/our-hospitals Tel: 01926 495321

UHCW and Rugby St Cross Hospital: www.uhcw.nhs.uk/contact-us/hospital-of-st-cross www.uhcw.nhs.uk/contact-us/university-hospital Tel: 024 76 964000

George Elliot Hospital: www.geh.nhs.uk/patients/car-parking Tel: 024 76 351351 Please note some local hospitals provide discount parking for patients requiring treatment for cancer care, dialysis and those staying overnight with sick children.

Others provide weekly, fortnightly or monthly tickets. Most local hospitals have drop off points close to main entrances and areas for disabled parking. Please contact individual hospitals for further information.

Health Care Travel Costs Scheme

You may be able to claim back travel and parking costs if you are on benefits or have a low income:

www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/help-with-health-costs/ healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs

Make sure you keep all receipts as these are required for making claims.

Using a Taxi

Some taxi companies have wheelchairaccessible vehicles and will take you door to door. One fare will cover you and your friends/ family travelling together. Local companies frequently undertake medical appointment journeys. Ask friends and neighbours for local recommendations.



NHS Non-emergency Patient Transport Service:

West Midlands Ambulance Service WMAS: This service may be available to patients who fulfil certain eligibility criteria, and have a medical need that stops them from using private or public transport.

Further information can be found at: https://wmaspts.wmas.nhs.uk

Or to book call: 01926 310312 Option 1 Monday – Friday 08.30 - 18.00

Community Transport and Volunteer Car Schemes:

Voluntary Car Schemes are available to people of all ages who have a need to get to a healthcare appointment, and for various reasons may struggle to do so independently. This may be because they are unable to use public transport, don't have access to a car or don't have family or friends available to help transport them – see information on next page for contact details.

(Most services charge for mileage)