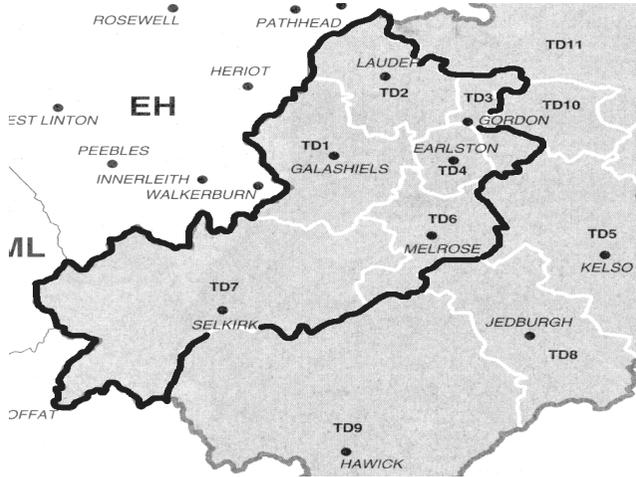


## Gala Wheels operates in the Central Borders Area



The Bridge Community Transport covers a number of localities in the Scottish Borders:

For transport in Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale (TD5, TD8 and TD9) contact: **Teviot Wheels** on 01835 863554

For transport in Tweeddale contact: **Tweed Wheels** on 01721 723123

We work with other providers as part of Borders Community Transport Services:

For accessible transport in Berwickshire, contact our colleagues at: **Berwickshire Wheels** on 0300 456 1985

For transport using volunteer drivers with their own cars (various locations) contact: **RVS** on 01896 754481 / 754496

## Gala Wheels is a community transport service operated by The Bridge

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**Gala Wheels** is a community transport project for residents of the Central Borders area providing three wheelchair accessible vehicles. Our two minivans can take up to six passengers each and our minibus can seat up to eleven passengers.

### **Who is Gala Wheels for?**

Gala Wheels offers accessible and affordable community transport for anyone who has difficulty using public transport through ill health, disability or age and for whom no private transport is available.

### **What can it be used for?**

- Shopping trips
- Visits to family and friends
- Outings and excursions
- Getting to meetings
- Links to other transport
- Health appointments
- Transport to respite care
- Community or activity group trips

**In fact, anything you like!**



### **What are the vehicles like?**

Our vehicles are fully adapted for wheelchair access via rear-facing ramps or lifts. People with mobility difficulties can also access by stepped side doors.



### **Who can drive the vehicles?**

The smaller minivans can be driven by anyone aged 25 to 70 holding a clean driving licence for at least 2 years. The larger minibus requires a MiDAS-trained driver.

Once registered as a Gala Wheels driver, we will provide training and show you how to use the vehicles safely.

If you don't have your own driver we can also provide a volunteer driver (free of charge) as long as we have sufficient notice.

**Volunteer drivers** are always welcome. Please get in touch and help us to help local people with transport needs.

### **What does it cost?**

#### **Individual bookings**

Journeys are charged at 65p per mile with any additional passengers paying a flat fare of £1 each per round trip (no charge for carers).

The total cost may be lower if your journey is eligible for subsidy under the Social Car Scheme, run by Scottish Borders Council.

***The subsidy brings the cost down to 40p per mile for the first 80 miles (please call us for more details).***

There is a minimum charge of £5 per round trip for very short journeys and a minimum charge of £20 for full day hire.

#### **Community Group bookings**

For group bookings in our large Minibus, the charge is 95p per mile with a minimum hire charge of £20.

Reasonable expenses like parking charges will be passed on, also the cost of a sandwich lunch for the volunteer driver, where longer journeys are involved.

After using Gala Wheels, you will be sent an invoice for the cost your journey.