

At the end of the training a certificate will be given, which is valid for 4 years, after which refresher MiDAS training must be completed.

What does it cost? Journeys are charged at 90p per mile for groups and organisations who have nominated a volunteer driver to drive for them. If Tweed Wheels provides the volunteer driver journeys will be charged at 95p per mile.

There is a minimum charge of £20 per round trip for all journeys.

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

Additional costs To become a member of The Bridge there is also an annual membership fee of £15 .

All charges are inclusive of VAT where applicable.



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COMMUNITY MINIBUS



Tweeddale

To register to use the Community Minibus call
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or contact us

at The Volunteer Resource Centre
Newby Court, School Brae,
Peebles, EH45 8AL

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Tweed Wheels is a community transport service operated by The Bridge. It provides accessible and affordable transport in the Tweeddale area of the Scottish Borders. It is supported by local people raising funds through our Tweeddale Thrift Shop in Innerleithen, public donations, a grant from Scottish Borders Council, Transport Scotland and Awards for All Scotland.

The Community Minibus is based in Peebles and is a specially adapted vehicle with a passenger lift. It can accommodate (along with the driver) 14 seated passengers. It can also be adapted to carry one passenger travelling in a wheelchair and eleven seated passengers or two passengers travelling in wheelchairs and seven seated passengers (depending on the dimensions of the wheelchairs).

Who is it for? The Community Minibus can be used by non-profit making groups and organisations, that are members of The Bridge and based in Tweeddale, and are involved in one or more of the following activities: social welfare, religion, recreation or any other activity which is of benefit to the community.

What can it be used for?

- ◇ To attend meetings
- ◇ To attend events
- ◇ Trips/outings
- ◇ A link to other transport

- in fact anything you like!

Who can drive the Community

Minibus? Anyone registered as an approved volunteer driver with Tweed Wheels, with a clean driving licence aged 21 to 70 and has an entitlement to drive a minibus with 9 -16 passenger seats.

Groups and organisations can nominate a volunteer to register as an approved driver with Tweed Wheels, who will then be available to drive for them.

If you don't have a volunteer to nominate, we may be able to arrange a volunteer driver for you, as long as sufficient notice is given.

Volunteer drivers are always welcomed. Please get in touch with Tweed Wheels and help us to help local groups with transport needs.

Driver training Tweed Wheels will provide MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) training for wheelchair accessible minibuses, for all volunteer minibus drivers registered with us, and drivers will be shown how to use the vehicle safely.

MiDAS promotes a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers, and has been designed to enhance minibus driving standards and promote the safe operation of minibuses. Training will include a classroom based module, a practical module (including the use of the passenger lift, the wheelchair tie-downs and passenger restraint system) and a driving assessment.