

How to make a booking

To make a booking, telephone the Link a Ride office (Mondays to Fridays) on

01525 840522

The booking line is open between 09.00 am and midday. Full details of how to book will be given to you when you register, or you can phone the enquiry line (01525 840511) for more information about booking. If you do not have a telephone, a friend or neighbour may phone on your behalf.

Do not forget to book your journey home at the same time as your outward journey.

We will make every effort to meet your request for a booking but the service needs to ensure that the vehicles carry as many people as possible by working out a schedule from the bookings. This means that we may need to adjust your travel arrangements when you book.

Can I bring a friend?

Yes, you may bring a companion/helper with you on the bus who will be charged at the same rate as registered users. If you qualify for concessionary travel and you are unable to travel without a companion, you may apply for a special Companion Travel Permit, which would allow you and your companion to travel at the same fare. Please tick the box on the registration form. Blind persons' guide dogs are carried free of charge.

Please inform Link a Ride if at any time you change your address or telephone number.

The organisers of Link a Ride aim to give you a reliable, personal and friendly service.

They hope that you will make use of it and enjoy the added freedom and independence it will give you.

Please note that the right is reserved to refuse or to defer any application for registration.

While every effort is made to meet the collection times wherever possible, please make allowances for delays due to adverse traffic or weather conditions.

Link a Ride Bookings:

01525 840522

Enquiries:

01525 840511

Link a Ride is a registered Industrial Provident Society. Its sponsors include Central Bedfordshire Council and many Town and Parish Councils.

Public Transport Information

For information about other Dial-a-Ride and community transport schemes operating with Central Bedfordshire, please ring:

0300 300 8308

For information about local bus services, call Traveline on 0871 200 2233. Calls from BT landlines cost 10p per minute plus any network charges. Calls from mobile phones and other operators may vary.

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www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

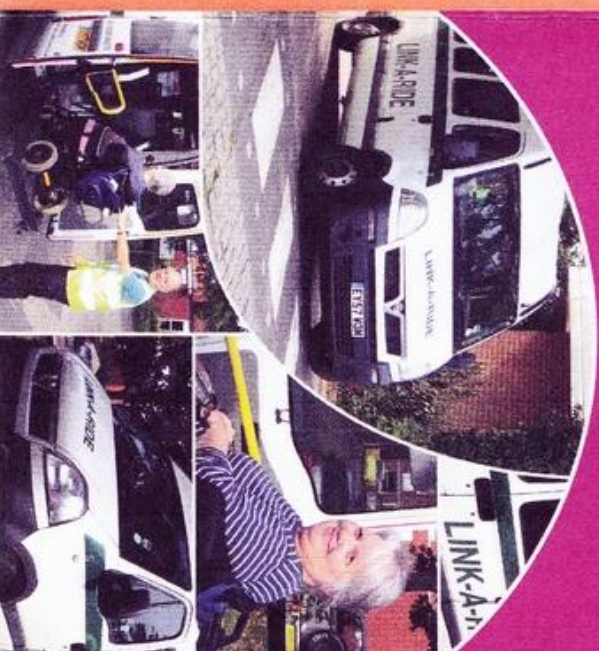
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Link a Ride

A door to door transport service to assist people who are unable to use ordinary buses



Registration Form

Surname

Mr/Mrs/Miss/MS

Forename(s)

Address

Postcode

Please nominate a personal contact, friend, relative or neighbour who could be contacted if necessary:

Name

Address

Telephone number

Please give details of your disability or explain briefly why you are unable to use the public bus service:

Please tick if:

You use a wheelchair

Your disability is likely to be permanent

You cannot travel without a companion/helpier

I declare that my incapacity prevents me from using ordinary buses.

Signed

Date

Now detach this form and return it, with a cheque or postal order for £10 payable to Link a Ride)

To: **Link a Ride, c/o Amphihill Social Centre
Houghton Close, Amphihill BEDFORD MK45 2TC**

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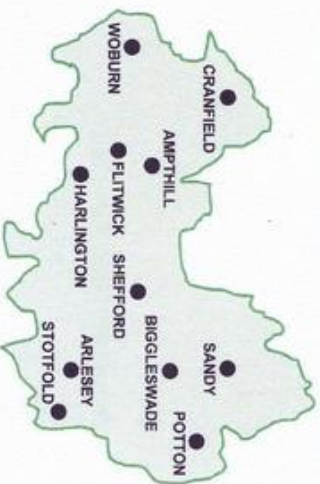
What is Link a Ride?

The aim of Link a Ride is to provide a door to door service for those people who are unable to use ordinary public transport because of a temporary or permanent disability. The service uses vehicles that are constructed for ease of access, even if you use a wheelchair. Drivers can escort you to your door but cannot transfer you from your wheelchair. You will need to pre-book your outward journey and also your journey home.

Where can I go?

You can use Link a Ride for all kinds of journeys. For example, you can use it to go shopping, visit friends and relatives, for work or educational purposes.

You may not, however, use Link a Ride to make a journey normally provided by Social Services, the Education Authority or the Ambulance Service, so you cannot go to the hospital for treatment but you can go to visit someone. You can travel anywhere in the mid-Bedfordshire area, and outside by arrangement.



The services operate Mondays to Fridays, from 8.30am to 5.00pm. Limited services may be provided if possible on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Registration

Before you can use the service you must register. Fill in the application form and send it to the address shown. There is a once only registration fee of £10 if your registration is accepted, you will be sent a membership card showing your registration number.

Fares

When you have registered, you will be able to book to use Link a Ride as often as you like.

Concessionary Travel Permit

As a registered member of Link a Ride, you may qualify for a Concessionary Travel Permit for Dial-a-Ride Services.

This permit is free and entitles the bearer to travel anywhere within the operating area of the service at a concessionary rate (excluding tours and excursions).

If you need to travel with a companion, you may qualify for a Companion Travel Permit – see overleaf.

To qualify you must be a Central Bedfordshire resident and must have a permanent disability which prevents you from using ordinary buses.

Link a Ride can supply you with an application form which you must complete and send, along with a passport sized photograph of yourself, to:

Central Bedfordshire Council

Priority House

Monks Walk

Chicksands

Shefford

SG17 5TQ