

Frequently asked questions

Q. Do I have to pay to car share?

A. Registration with [wycarshare.com](http://www.wycarshare.com) is free. However, we recommend that you split the cost of each journey, or passengers contribute to the fuel costs. You must not use car sharing to make a profit.

Q. What are the insurance implications of car sharing?

A. The Association of British Insurers says that car-sharing will not affect an individual's insurance as long as no profit is made. We recommend you check with your own insurance company.

Q. How safe is car sharing?

A. Your data is stored securely and no personal information can be accessed by other users, just intended travel information. Potential sharers have no obligation to share when a request is made.

Q. I don't have a car, can I still car share?

A. Yes, you can as a car share passenger. The system allows you to request a lift.

Q. Is it possible to find travelling companions of the same sex?

A. Yes, through www.wycarshare.com you can choose to share with only people of the same gender. You can also choose to share with someone of a similar age or someone who does or doesn't smoke. You can even give information about which radio station you like!

Q. How do I contact the driver or passenger?

A. Having found a suitable match, you should contact them using their email address.

Q. What happens if my journey does not work out?

A. www.wycarshare.com is solely a travel information service and cannot be held responsible for journeys that do not work out as planned.

Calculating your CO₂

You can find out how much CO₂ your journey will generate and record your CO₂ savings by car sharing with the West Yorkshire Travel Plan Network Carbon Calculator. This can be accessed through the West Yorkshire Travel Plan Network website at www.wytravelplan.com



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Car Sharing



What is car sharing?

Car sharing is when two or more people, usually heading to the same destination, travel together by car for all or part of a journey.

You can share a car trip for any purpose such as getting to work, doing the weekly shop, taking the children to school, going to the match at the weekend, travelling to a festival, event or show and visiting friends.

Although we share our cars regularly with friends and family, there are times when a car has empty seats in the vehicle that could be conveniently filled by those travelling the same route.

This leaflet explains:

- How to find someone to share the journey with you
- The benefits of car sharing
- Things you've always wanted to know about car sharing

How do I find someone to share a journey with?

Why not ask your workmates, friends, family and neighbours if they are going in the same direction as you?

If you can't find anyone you already know to share a journey with, that's where www.wycarshare.com can help.

It's a matching service enabling people to share lifts to any destination. You can register your journey on the site for free and the system will tell you if anyone else is travelling in the same direction and at the same time. The website then allows you to contact other users. Over three thousand people locally have registered their regular journeys on the website already.

And remember, you don't have to commit to car sharing every day, it's more flexible than you might think!

What are the benefits of car sharing?

The UK has the worst congestion and longest commuting times in the EU. Car sharing can help to reduce these problems and has many benefits too.

- It can save you money as it can reduce fuel costs, car parking charges and may reduce wear and tear on the car.
- Sharing the journey reduces the stress of driving everyday. If it's not your turn to drive you can do other tasks on the way to work like read the paper, make a call, or read a book.
- It's fun as you can socialise with your friends.
- It allows you to take advantage of lanes for cars carrying two or more people so you can by-pass traffic and get to your destination more quickly. There are currently three car share lanes in West Yorkshire:
M606 from Bradford towards Leeds
A647 Stanningley Road towards Leeds
A63 East Leeds Link in both directions.
- Reduces the number of cars on the road, reducing pollution, CO₂ emissions and congestion.
- If half of the motorists in the UK received a lift one day a week, traffic jams would be reduced by 20%.

