

Parish Council Report 2024.

Saxilby Voluntary Car Scheme. (SVCS)

SVCS has been in existence for approximately 20 years.

We do not have the exact date that the scheme started operating but I have been involved for 18 years and I know it was operating for a couple of years before I joined.

The remit of the scheme has not really changed since it first started and we still provide a much needed service for the residents of the Parish.

In the last 12 months the volunteers have made 341 journeys taking a total of 361 patients to attend all manner of medical appointments. A total of 5229 miles have been covered in these journeys with trips as far afield as Nottingham, Boston and Leicester.

With the increased numbers of people now using the service we are looking for extra drivers to help with the workload.

The scheme operates in the following way:

- 1 A patient contacts our number and requests transport for a medical appointment.
- 2 Our coordinator takes the details and contacts drivers to find someone available to do the trip.
- 3 When a driver agrees to do the trip our coordinator rings the patient back to confirm.
- 4 The driver, using his or her own car, collects the patient at the agreed time, takes them to the appointment and brings them home afterwards.
- 5 Expenses of 45p a mile are paid to the driver.

There are no set hours of being on call, and drivers are free to accept or reject any trips depending on their availability.

The scheme is supported by the Parish Council and Lincolnshire County Council and received a Community Grant from the Lincolnshire CO-OP last year.

Please contact Maggie on the number below if you are able to help or in need of assistance for medical appointments.

07530327664

David Thorpe
SVCS Treasurer.