

# Histon & Impington Coronavirus Response

## Community Transport for travel to Covid-19 vaccinations and medical appointments

This plan is intended to put in place a system whereby transport can be provided for residents of Histon & Impington when they are invited to a vaccination centre outside the villages. It can also be used for other medical appointments outside of Histon & Impington.

### Booking

This scheme is being operated in conjunction with the Histon, Impington and Girton Community Car Scheme (HIGS). Residents should ring the HIGS telephone line on 07982 108927 who will arrange for a booking on the HI Community Minibus. This will enable lifts to be provided in a Covid secure manner.

### Protection of drivers and other passengers

Passengers are requested not to book transport or to travel if they:

- have had any symptoms within the previous 7 days that could be Coronavirus/COVID 19 or if they have been advised that they may have the virus
- have been in contact with anyone with the virus or symptoms within the past 14 days
- have been told to self-isolate by NHS test and trace or been in contact with anyone who has

Passengers will be required to confirm the above both at the time of booking and on the day of travel.

### Getting on and off the minibus

Drivers will not enter homes to collect/return passengers.

Drivers will attempt to maintain a 2 metre distance whenever possible and will not be able to give physical assistance to enter or leave the minibus. Should such assistance be required, then passengers will need to be accompanied by a companion/carer.

Drivers should not aid passengers into the minibus (which could mean being closer than 2m), except by operating the tail lift, if needed - standing 2m away, as illustrated here:



The driver should not be touching the passenger's rollators or other walking aids, so they will need to be able to collapse and stow them safely themselves.

## Seating

Passengers will be required to sit in seats as directed by the driver, maintaining a safe distance from both the driver and other passengers.

## PPE

Passengers will be required to wear gloves and face coverings throughout the journeys.

Drivers will be required to wear gloves at all times. They will also be required to wear masks if they are seated within 2 metres of a passenger.

## Payment/Donations

The terms of the HI Friends minibus licence prohibit the charging a fare to individuals. During the period of the crisis, HI Friends will undertake these journeys for free but donations will, of course, be very welcome. Suggested donations are the same price as would have been the case had the Community Car Scheme still been running which are as follows:

Destination	Round trip fee
• Addenbrookes Hospital	£8
• Huntingdon Road Surgery • Arbury Road Surgery • Firs House, Telegraph St, Cottenham	£3
• Newmarket	£10
• Ely	£9
• Huntingdon	£10

For other destinations, the HI Friends Minibus Coordinator will suggest a suitable donation

The driver will usually wait for the return journey. If the minibus is required for another journey, it may be that the drop-off and pick-up are done by different drivers.

To minimise the handling of cash, passengers will be asked to put any donation inside an envelope and leave it on the minibus. The driver will then pass the envelope to the HI Friends Charity Manager.

## Notes for Minibus Drivers

1 The Community Car Scheme has registered the minibus as a permitted vehicle at Addenbrookes and so it can be parked free of charge in the front car park. Drivers need to press the intercom and tell the attendant that the minibus is part of the Histon, Impington & Girton Community Car Scheme. They may have to quote the registration number of the vehicle GJ63 WCD.

2 Before and after each trip, the driver will be responsible for cleaning any surfaces which have been touched by either the driver or the passenger. Whenever possible, suitable wipes will be provided on the bus for this purpose.

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