

ASHCHURCH RURAL PARISH COUNCIL Taxi Voucher Scheme

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Ashchurch Rural Parish Council (ARPC) continues to recognise residents' mobility issues within the parish as a result of a major reduction of public transport and the potential for isolation that this situation could create. ARPC can therefore assist residents experiencing mobility difficulties within the parish under the Transport Voucher Scheme.

The voucher scheme provides those eligible with an initial allocation of vouchers to the value of £150.00 per person, per year. The vouchers can be redeemed as full or part payment towards your fare with the local taxi's named below. If required, applicants may reapply for additional vouchers up to a maximum value of £75.00

ARPC's eligibility criteria:

- Resident resides within Ashchurch Rural Parish and is registered on the electoral role
- Resident has very limited / no access to a motor vehicle and is reliant upon public transport, taxi's or lifts from family/friends
- Resident has a lack of personal mobility by virtue of two* of the 'Protected Characteristics' under the Equality Act 2010 (*disability or age, including age related disability)

To apply for the voucher scheme, you must complete and sign an application form confirming you meet all eligibility criteria and return it to the Clerk at ARPC for consideration by members of the council (this process may involve a visit by a local Parish Councillor). You can download an application form from the ARPC website or alternatively please contact the Clerk (details below).

Once in receipt of the vouchers, it is the responsibility of the resident to inform ARPC of any change in circumstances that could affect eligibility. Failure to do so could result in a request to return unused vouchers, cancellation of vouchers and the refusal of future applications.

The Ashchurch Rural Parish Council taxi voucher scheme is supported by the below local companies.

- Avonside Private Hire Tewkesbury 01684 273273
- Hills Cars Northway 01684 592929
- Xpress Taxi's Tewkesbury 01684 216216

If you have any further questions regarding the vouchers or would like to request an application form, please contact the Clerk by email or telephone, details are given below.

Yours sincerely,

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