

Getting from A to B

Changes in work and social patterns now mean that a traditional, timetabled approach to travel doesn't fit the modern world. Today it's about checking before you travel. What's available? How can I get there? By working with like-minded people to plan your journeys you can share the experience and the cost. Community-led travel options that can help residents get to work, education, training, appointments and the shops.

Carpool or shared taxi



Are there several people going the same way and at the same time? Can you carpool? By sharing a vehicle, you can split the cost of fuel and car parking. If you don't have access to a vehicle, then contact a local taxi service. You can negotiate the price for a regular trip, access to up to an 8-seater vehicle and share the cost between you.

If you don't know anyone then join car share Dorset.



Community bus



Is there a local travel solution that can help? There are over 60 community transport schemes covering most of Dorset. Is there one already servicing your area?

Details of these arrangements can be found locally, on dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/public-transport/community-transport or, if you don't have access to the internet, call Dorset Travel on 01305 224518.

Walk, cycle or scoot

Is there a good footpath or cycle-way that would get you there? Local communities can raise money to upgrade bridleways that would help residents get safer access to services. The invention of electric bikes and scooters make the hills much easier!



Bespoke solution



If the existing community travel options don't satisfy the needs of your community then have a conversation with the providers. Can they alter what they have to fit? Or can they work with you to provide something for your area? Details of these operators can be found on dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/public-transport/community-transport or, if you don't have access to the internet, call Dorset Travel on 01305 224518.

Does your community need something different? Dorset Council has developed a toolkit that can take you through the steps to start your area's own travel solution. This can be found on dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/public-transport/community-transport.