

Llandrindod Car Share Club†



Could you benefit from Car Club Membership?

Car clubs provide their members with convenient access to vehicles without the hassles and expense of ownership (such as tax, MOT, fuel, servicing, repairs, depreciation and parking).

Members who drive fewer than 8,000 miles per year could save up to £3,500 a year by using club vehicles instead of running their own car.

What is a Car Share Club?

Clubs are usually set up by a group of local people as a not for profit organisation. In the UK, over 245,000 people are already car club members with access to more than 4,000 vehicles.

Clubs often begin with one vehicle and grow from there. Once you have become a member of the club you can book a car when you need one, often using a convenient online service. You collect the vehicle, use it and return it to its home.

What does it cost?

Each club sets their own method for sharing the cost, but usually there is...

- a joining fee plus an annual or monthly membership fee
- a pay-as-you-go charge based on the length of time you have the car and the mileage you do

What are the benefits of joining a Car Share Club?

Save money

If you drive fewer than 8,000 miles a year a shared car will usually work out cheaper than running your own car.

No unexpected bills

The club organises servicing, insurance, taxation and all fuel costs. You know exactly what your use of a car club vehicle is going to cost.

Access to a "better" car

Car clubs usually run modern vehicles chosen for good fuel economy and low emissions. Many clubs use electric vehicles.

Access to a range of vehicles

Club vehicles usually include super-minis, estate cars and people carriers. Some also have vans. So you can book the type of vehicle that best suits your need.

† *The club is currently a proposal. We are keen to find people who would be interested in joining the club and helping to get it set up.*

How much will it cost me?

At the moment we can't give more than a general indication of the costs.

Some car share clubs operate new or nearly-new vehicles. Others operate older vehicles to avoid the high initial depreciation of newer cars. Some clubs choose electric vehicles. Some clubs lease their vehicles whereas others own them outright. It is up to the members to agree what will best suit their needs.

Clubs have to set their charging rates to cover the costs of running the club vehicles. Here are some examples of local schemes.



Here is an example of a scheme in Shropshire. The vehicles available in this scheme are new Fords using Eco-boost engines: a Fiesta, a Focus Estate and a Grand C-Max

One-off joining fee	£25.00
<i>(plus £15.00 per additional member in the same household)</i>	

Vehicle use fees:	
per hour	£4.50
or per day (24 hours)	£35.00
or overnight (8pm to 8am)	£13.50

plus a mileage charge of 21p per mile

Subject to a minimum monthly charge of £5.00

The charges in the Shropshire club are the same regardless of the vehicle borrowed. Some other clubs have charges which differ according to the type of vehicle used.

Llanidloes Car Club

In contrast to the Shropshire scheme, Llanidloes Car Club run a number of older vehicles. Their costs are:

One-off joining fee	£25.00
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Vehicle use fees:	
per hour	£1.00
or per day (24 hours)	£18.00

plus a mileage charge of 20p per mile

Llanidloes also apply the same charge regardless of the vehicle used.

Would a Car Club work for me?

Do you run two cars because you sometimes need a second vehicle but much of the time your second car remains sitting in the drive?

Would you prefer not to have the cost of running your own car but there are times when you just can't do without it?

Maybe you don't own a car at the moment but would like occasional use of one?

Do you run a large vehicle when most of the time a smaller vehicle would do the job?

Many car club members find they can cut down from running two or more cars to just one, using club cars when they need another vehicle.

Members save money by switching to a smaller, more economical car and using a club vehicle when they need to carry more passengers.

Some members give up running a car of their own, knowing that they can use a club car when they need one.

Car Share Clubs are not for everyone

A Car Club may not work for you if you

- rely on always having a car for daily travel to work
- need a car adapted to cope with a disability
- drive more than 8,000 miles a year
- can not easily pick up a club vehicle from where it is kept
- are below the age of 25
(Insurers will not usually cover younger drivers as club members)

Where are the cars kept?

It's up to the club to decide. Clubs may:

- use a single parking location for all cars, somewhere reasonably convenient for all members.
- keep vehicles at members' homes
- get local authority support to mark reserved car club parking places on roads

Why are the Transition Group promoting this idea?

Having access to a range of vehicle sizes mean that car club journeys are usually done using more fuel-efficient vehicles resulting in lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Data from existing car clubs shows that each car club vehicle takes between six and fifteen privately owned vehicles off the road. This reduces pressure on car parking and helps decrease congestion. The money saved by members also means there is more money to go into the local economy.

Interested in joining?

Could you help set up and run a Car Share club?

Please get in touch!

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