

ST ALBANS U3A CAR-SHARING GUIDANCE

In line with Third Age Trust policy generally and the practice of other U3As, St Albans U3A welcomes car sharing between members and offers guidance to support it.

U3A meetings are defined as being “for pleasure” by the car insurance industry, so no issues arise on that score.

Car sharing will be for members to attend Groups’ events, talks and to rendezvous with coach pick up points.

There is no central administration or financial control here, so all arrangements are entirely discretionary and to be made direct between the drivers and passengers.

Any out of pocket costs (e.g. parking or tolls) can be shared equally between all those in a car.

A driver can ask for a contribution (to be made equally by all those in the car) towards mileage of 30p per mile. (For clarification, mileage covers:- fuel, wear and tear and insurance costs).

This guidance cannot cover passengers with special needs (e.g. needing to take a wheelchair) and separate arrangements would be needed here.

The best solution (and the one adopted by Groups generally) is that the mileage scheme runs on the basis of reciprocity so that it balances out between all those involved and – ideally – money does not need to change hands. The guidance here covers the situation where reciprocity does not apply.