



Lift Sharing

What is Lift Sharing?

When two or more people share a car journey! These journeys can be anything from a regular commute to work, to a one off event. They can include taxis, school runs, trips to Sainsburys, etc. The passenger contributes to the cost of the petrol.

Why Lift Share?

- Traffic has increased by over 60% since 1980 (Source: Friends of the Earth)
- Cars are the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions (Source: FotE)
- Every day there are 10 million empty seats on the road (source: DETR)
- If half of the UK motorists received a lift once a week, congestion and pollution would be reduced by 10% and traffic jams by 20% (source:liftsharesolutions.com)
- Reduces parking problems
- Saves time if you use 2+ lanes
- Saves money by sharing petrol costs and parking fees (Liftshare estimates that a typical liftsharer will save themselves approximately £1000 per year).
- Makes journeys more sociable and potentially less stressful (e.g. in event of a breakdown).
- Improves the mobility of less mobile members of our community
- Our public transport options in Priston are extremely limited!

How do we do it?

There are a number of non-profit, web-based organisations that arrange liftshares for free. Largest is *liftshare*, which has 200,000 members in the UK (they estimate the distance currently shared per year at over 3 million miles, or 32 trips to the moon, and the amount of Co2 saved per year as over 17,000 tonnes, equivalent to over 5 million trees!). They have teamed up with the councils of BaNES, Bristol City, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire to form a website for local travellers: www.2carshare.com You register your details and the times and locations of your journeys and it provides a list of likely lift sharers.

We could all use this, or maybe we want to create our own Priston-based lift share scheme. To be discussed!