

LINK REPORT FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Link Scheme is a 'good neighbour' scheme to help people in need – mostly with lifts to and from hospital, dentists or the doctor's surgery – but can be to visit family and friends, to collect prescriptions, and do occasional light gardening, collecting shopping or library books - whatever is required – Baydon and Aldbourne have a joint scheme and it is set up as a charity

We have a Co-ordinator who takes phone calls with requests and then matches them to volunteers (David Robertson) we currently have 29 volunteers on the books.

The start of this year was quiet compared to most of 2009 but this was probably due to the snow and bad weather could have had an effect. Our co-ordinator has been able to match all client's requests with available volunteers.

This year has seen an increase in our number of jobs with a higher number non health related

Summary of activities;

Total number of journeys	350
Total number of "social" journeys	110
Number of hours worked	525
Number of miles driven	6,100

Expenses incurred (mostly mileage) are funded by both a £600 grant from Community First and donations from clients – topped up by 'one off' events – for instance Jane Collett who was the secretary of Link until very recently held a dog show in Aldbourne to raise funds and we also received the proceeds of a yard sale to help with costs.

Total expenses	£2,480
Grant from CF	£600
Total donations from clients	£2,170

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